



BLEAK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year Ahead Information

Year 1 - September 2026



Welcome to Year 1



- Miss Mallalieu - 1MA
- Mrs Cooling & Mrs Scott - 1CS
- Miss Mercer - 1ME

- Miss Moorcroft - 1MA
- Mrs Kynastonova - 1CS
- Miss Bowes- 1ME

- Future Gym - Mr Mason
- PPA staff - Miss Tickle, Miss Lang and Mrs Marsden



Start/End of the Day

**Year 1 arrive at the classroom doors
between 8:45am-9:00am.**

**Year 1 go home via the
classroom doors at 3:20pm.**



Curriculum Subjects

Maths

English

Geography

Art

Music

History

DT

PHSE

PE

Computing

Science

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Subject Coverage

Within Geography, we study:

Our school area, the UK and weather patterns.

Within History, we study:

Famous Queens, toys from the past and changes in transport.

Within Science, we study:

Everyday materials, seasonal changes, plants, animals, including humans and significant scientists.



Subject Coverage

Linked to our curriculum we will be going on some exciting trips.

In Autumn we will be visiting The Blue Planet Aquarium

Summer term trip tbc



Curriculum Overview

2026/27

All other subject coverage is detailed on this Year 1 Curriculum Overview document.

Year 1	Autumn A	Autumn B	Spring A	Spring B	Summer A	Summer B
English	Drawing Club Books Write going on a Bear Hunt The Gingerbread Man Plok Panther Superworm Goldilocks Magic Roundabout Christopher Purnell	Curious Quests Of Time Upstairs Downstairs The Grumpy Cheese Man Clement Purnell The Three Little Pigs The Christmas Pigeon	Curious Quests Digger Lost in the Toy Museum Toy Story Toot in Space Paper Dolls Rolie & Jim	Curious Quests Compass Game Open Very Carefully The Pizza Tree 3 Minutes Peace	Curious Quests The Bad-Tempered Ladybird Jump Clean up Have you ever wondered? Brun Alan's Big Scary Teeth	Curious Quests Chatterbox The Buzon Poem James's Dress We Love Donuts The Something Hot Cross Bun
Maths	Place Value to 10 Addition and Subtraction within 10 Geometry - Shape Place Value to 20		Addition and Subtraction within 20 Place Value to 50 Length & Height Mass & Volume		Multiplication & Division Fractions Money Time Place value to 100 Position & Direction	
Science	Seasonal Changes (Autumn & Winter)	Animals including Humans	Everyday Materials	Super Scientists	Seasonal Changes (Spring & Summer)	Plants
History	Famous Queens		Toys		Transport	
Geography		Local Area 'Our School'		UK 'Our Country'		Weather Patterns
Art & Design	Painting Piet Mondrian and Patrick Heron		Collage Paul Klee		Printing William Morris	
Design & Technology		Materials/Structure Moving Pictures		Textiles Fabric Faces		Cooking & Nutrition Picnic Snacks

PSHE	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
Religious Education	Christianity Why do Christians say that God is a 'Father'?	Christianity Why is Jesus special to Christians?	Islam How might beliefs about creation affect the way people treat the world?	Judaism Why might some people put their trust in God?	Hinduism What do Hindus believe about God?	Church How might people show that they belong to God?
Music (Charanga)	My Musical Heartbeat How can we make friends when we sing together?	Dance, Sing and Play How does music tell stories about the past?	Exploring Sounds How does music make the world a better place?	Learning to listen How does music help us to understand our neighbours?	Having fun with improvisation What songs can we sing to help us through the day?	Let's perform together How does music teach us about looking after our planet?
Computing	Introduction to Purple Mash Creative Computing	Data Explorers Creating and Following Instructions	Creating and Following Instructions Animated Stories	Animated Stories Coding	Technology around us	Making beats
E-Safety	Self-Image and Identity Online Relationships	Online Reputation Online Bullying	Managing Online Information	Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle	Privacy and Security	Copyright and Ownership
Physical Education	Target Games Ball Skills	Fundamentals Team Building	Dance Yoga	Gymnastics Dance (performance)	Athletics Striking & Fielding	Fitness Net & Wall
Significant People of Interest	Cool Creators William Caxton		Super Scientists Tim Berners-Lee		Exciting Explorers & Freedom Fighters Christopher Columbus	

This will be on the Year 1 class page on the school website.



Knowledge Organisers



We use knowledge organisers to present the children with key information or 'sticky facts.'

These will also be available on the Year 1 class page on the school website.

Year 1
Animals, including Humans

Mammals
- human
- mouse
- dog

Birds
- penguin
- chicken
- seagull

Fish
- tuna
- shark
- goldfish

Reptiles
- tortoise
- lizard
- snake

Amphibians
- frog
- toad
- newt

Key Vocabulary

Amphibians	head	ear	eye	see
Birds	mouth	teeth	hear	hear
Fish	shoulder	elbow	smell	smell
Mammals	hand	thumb	feel	feel
Reptiles	fingers	knee	taste	taste
Carnivore	leg	toes		
Herbivore	foot			
Omnivore				

Year 1 - UK Our Country

Skills covered this half term:

- Use words and phrases such as old/new a long time ago.
- Use a growing range of subject specific vocabulary.
- Connect geographical features of towns and the countryside using their existing knowledge, maps and photographs.
- Use aerial photographs to learn to locate countries.
- Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to towns and physical features.

Expert Vocabulary

The United Kingdom
The United Kingdom is made up of Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales.

London - The Capital City of England

London is a very busy and built-up city with lots of important buildings.

London has lots of famous landmarks. These include the London Eye, the Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Tower Bridge and Westminster Abbey.

Year 1 - Toys

Skills covered this half term:

- Use words and phrases such as old/new a long time ago.
- Recognise that some objects belonged to the past.
- Ask and answer questions about old and new houses or toys.
- Pick out old and new things in a picture.
- Explain what an object from the past might have been used for.

Expert Vocabulary

20th Century	The 20th Century was between 1900 - 1999.
21st Century	We are in the 21st Century. It started in 2000 and will end in 2099.
Plastic toys	Modern toys such as dolls, soldiers and cars are made of plastic.
Metal toys	Older toys and model cars were made from metal.
Victorian	The time when Queen Victoria ruled between 1837 and 1901.

Where am I in History?

What came before?					
Where am I in History?					
What comes next?					

Unit 1.1 Online Safety and Exploring Purple Mash

Digital Literacy

Skills covered in this unit:

- To log in safely.
- To learn how to find saved work in the Online Work area and find teacher comments.
- To learn how to search Purple Mash to find resources.
- To become familiar with the icons and types of resources available in the Topics section.
- To learn to add pictures and text to work.
- To explore the Tools and Games section of Purple Mash.
- To learn how to open, save and print.
- To understand the importance of logging out.

Key Resources:

purple mash

Key Vocabulary:

Log in	Using a username and password to access a system.
Username	A name that is used by a person to access an online site.
Password	A series of letters, numbers and special characters that is entered after the username to access an online site. In Purple Mash, this can also be a series of pictures.
Avatar	A digital picture to represent someone.
My Work	The place on Purple Mash where your work is stored. Only you and your teachers can access this.
Log out	Leaving a computer system.
Save	Store your work as you create something so it can be accessed later.
Notification	A system that lets you know if you have something to look at. On Purple Mash this is shown by a bell.
Topics	The area on Purple Mash that contains ready-made resources.
Tools	The area on Purple Mash with the different learning apps.



Behaviour



As part of our PSHCE and Jigsaw lessons, we have created our Class Charter to make the classroom a safe and happy place to learn. We celebrate learning and achievements using our app: Marvellous me



Rewards

1. Positive Praise
2. Thumbs up/Badges (Marvellous Me)
3. Stickers/Certificates
4. Merit Awards
5. Share work with Leadership Team

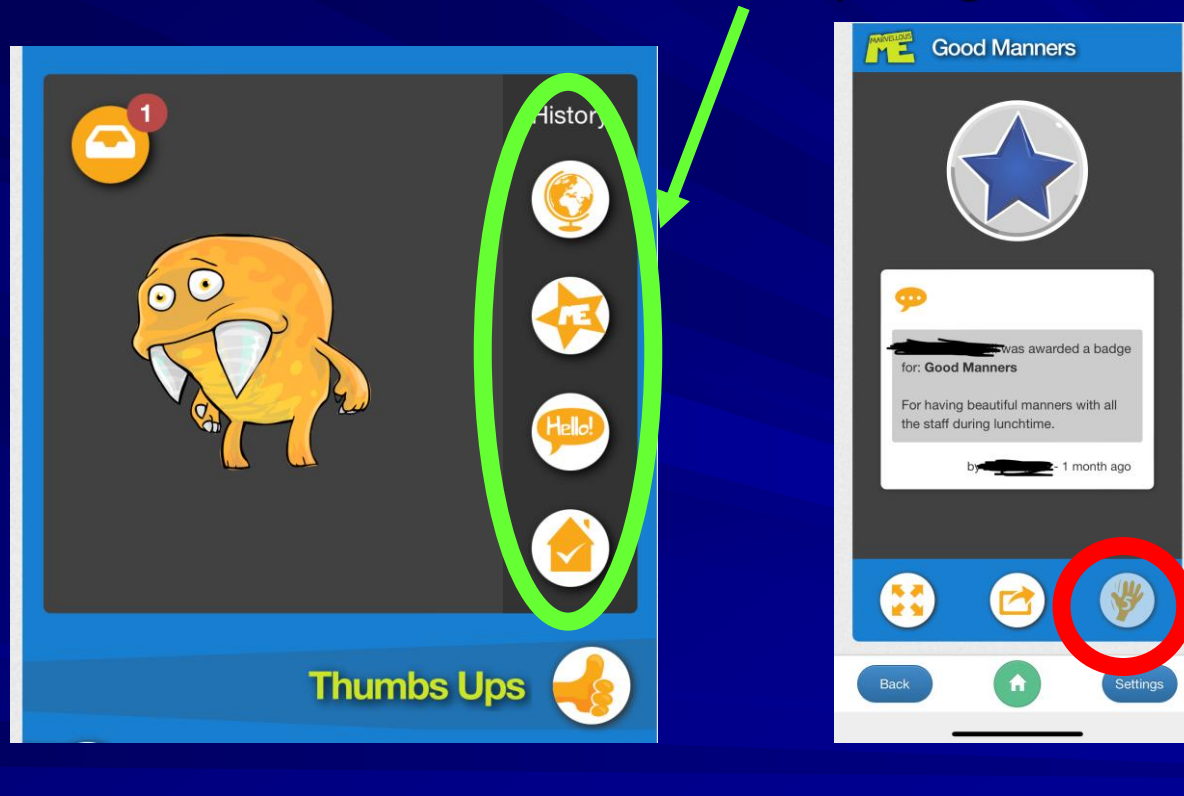


Marvellous Me App



The children will receive 'Thumbs up' and 'Badges'.

Teachers will also send activity images and messages.



Please acknowledge that you have seen the badge, activity or message by clicking on the 'high 5' button.



Reading in Year 1



- During the first week of school the children will be taught reading in class. We will recap and consolidate the phonic sounds they already know.
- With effect from week 2, the children will be bringing home a decodable reading book and a home share book from within school.
- Reading books must be brought into school every day as children will be reading daily in class.



Reading in Year 1



- Reading diaries are used and we ask that you comment on the books you have shared with your child at home each day.

Reading Record: 22nd January 2024

	Book and Page	School	Home
Monday	A cat in a pot Red	RW/ Read in Phonics Today	[] read the book. Lots of guessing & Adding words in. We will revisit.
Tuesday		Read in Phonics Today	Much better reading of 'The bug' tonight. Well done []!
Wednesday		Read in Phonics Today	We shared Topsy & Tim again. Don't wake the bear hare
Thursday		shared new book at RW. Read in Phonics Today	[] read 'The bug' one final time. He sight read every word!!!
Friday		Read in Phonics Today	[] was eager to read his phonics book to us! He read all 3 ditties with lots of sight reading / Fred in head
Saturday			
Sunday			

/Messages

Fabulous reading at home.



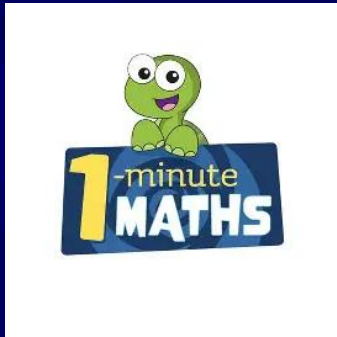
Homework

- Homework will be set weekly.
- This year homework has consisted of:
 - Daily reading
 - Daily Maths Practice

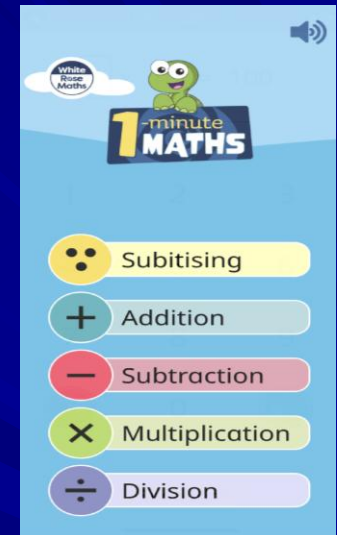


Homework

Excellent Maths Apps to learn quick and speedy Maths facts.



White Rose - 1 Minute Maths



Top Marks - Hit the Button

Hit the Button - Quick fire maths
practise for 6-11 year olds



P.E.



- P.E. in Year 1 will be on two different days. These days will be confirmed via email.
- The children must arrive in their P.E. kit.

P.E. Kit

- P.E. t-shirt in their house colour team.
- Plain navy blue tracksuit or shorts.
- Trainers - Velcro preferably please.



Year 1 Assessment

- On-going teacher assessments will take place in Reading, Writing and Maths.
- Formal assessments will take place once a term- commencing in Spring.
- Phonics Screening will take place in June 2027 - date TBC.



Year 1 Showcase event

The Year 1 class will be holding a showcase event in term Summer A, date TBC.



Any Other Information

- Named Water Bottles - sports cap and water only.
- Please put your child's name in all clothing/ belongings brought into school.
- No jewellery (including any earrings) to be worn.
- Please keep us up to date on any changes in your contact details.

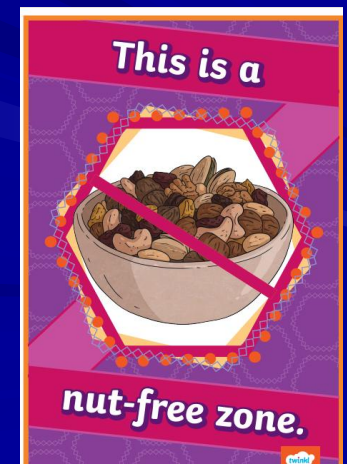


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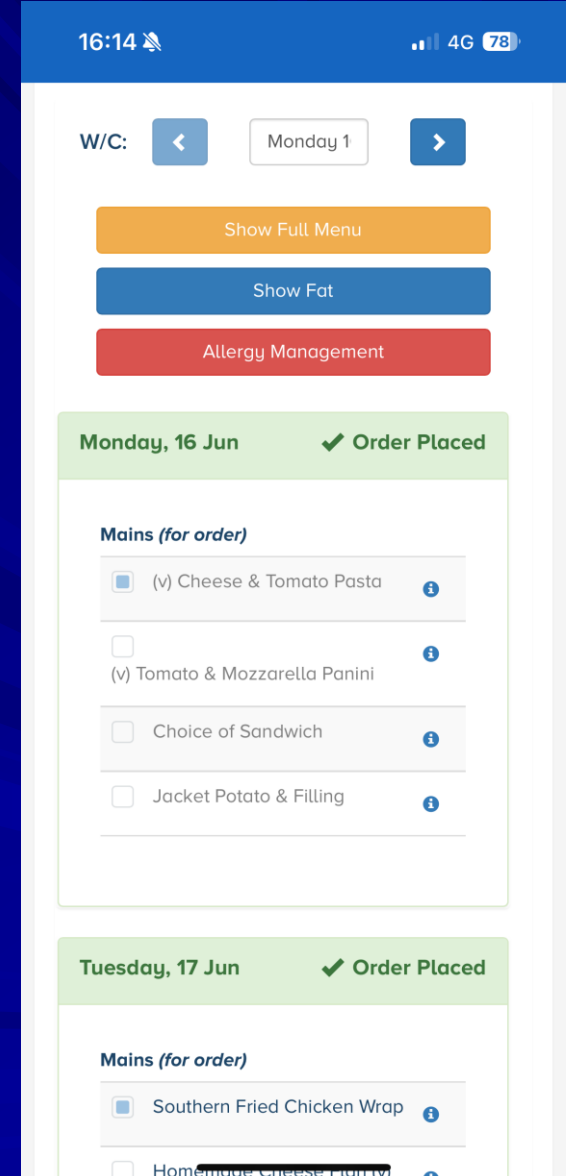
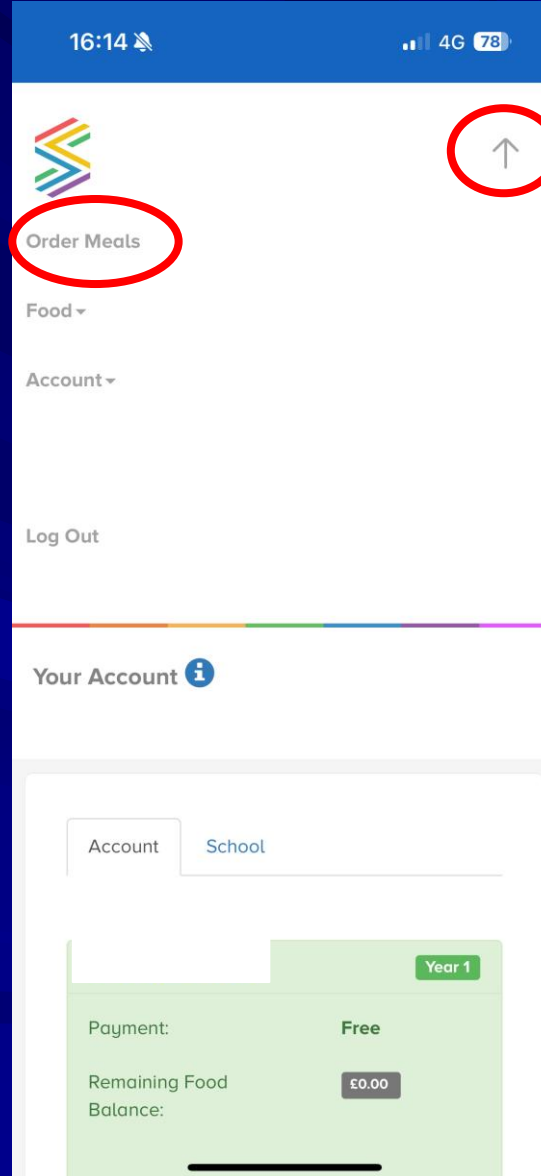
Snacks- children can either have toast (which is ordered & paid for via School Money) or bring in their own **healthy** snack. Children also have a variety of fresh fruit available to them each day.

Please remember we are a nut-free school.
We have a number of children in school with serious nut allergies.



School Lunches

■ Please remember to order your child's school lunch in advance via the School Grid App.





Transition Day



- Friday 3rd July
- Your child will be entering school at the usual time via their current classroom door.
- Your child will be spending the day with their Year 1 teacher/s in their new Year 1 classroom. They will complete a range of activities during the day.
- Your child needs to be collected from their new Year 1 classroom door - **at 3.20pm**



Transition Day

- Your child will be collected from their new year 1 classroom door - this is in the courtyard.





Contacting School

- If you wish to contact staff, please do so via the Bleak Hill email.

bleakhillparents@sthelens.org.uk

Thank you

We look forward to welcoming your child to Year 1 in September and working with you all for a successful year.