



BLEAK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year Ahead Information
September 2026

Welcome to Year 2

Class Teachers

- Mrs Ashton- 2A
- Miss McGifford – 2KM
- Mrs McLaughlin – 2JM

Learning Assistants

- Mrs Johnson and Mrs Reed - 2A
- Mrs Tinsley - 2JM
- Miss Thow, Mrs Baines and Mrs Twiss – 2KM

Subject Coverage

Our half termly units of work in History and Geography.

Continents and Oceans

Kenya!

Field work on the Local Area

The Great Fire of London!

Nurses

Explorers and Travel

Subject Coverage

Our half termly units of work in Design Technology (DT).

Dips and Dippers

A small monetary contribution is requested for this closer to the time so that we can carry out tasting activities and the children make their own healthy dip.

Make your own bunting

Involves the children learning new sewing skills.

Vehicles

Children to design, make and evaluate their own vehicle. Empty boxes from home to complete their project.

Messages will be sent via School Spider.

Curriculum Overview

Bleak Hill Long Term Curriculum Overview

Year 2 - 2026 - 2027

Year 2	Autumn A	Autumn B	Spring A	Spring B	Summer A	Summer B
English	<p>We are very excited to share that we will be following Curious Quest, a writing scheme where we will focus on a new book each week and write linked to the book. We will confirm more details soon.</p>					
Class Novel						
Maths White Rose Overview	Number: Place Value Number: Addition and Subtraction Geometry: Shape		Measurement: Money Number: Multiplication and Division Measurement: Length and Height Measurement: Mass, Capacity and Temperature		Number: Fractions Measurement: Time Statistics Geometry: Position and Direction Problem Solving	
Science	Uses of Everyday materials	The Environment	Animals including Humans	Living Things and their habitats	Plants	Super Scientists
History		Great Fire of London		Nurses		Explorers and Travel
Geography	The Seven Continents and Five Oceans		Kenya		Fieldwork on a local area	
Art & Design		Painting/ Portraits Yinka Shonibare		Textiles Vincent Van Gogh, Rembrandt		Sculpture Anthony Gormley
Design & Technology	Food Technology Dips and Dippers		Textiles Fabric Bunting		Mechanism/Structure Vehicles	
PSHE	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me

Religious Education	Christianity God	Christianity Jesus	Hindu Dharma	Islam	Christianity Church	Judaism
Music	Charanga Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch	Nativity Performance Charanga Playing in an Orchestra	Charanga Inventing a Musical Story	Charanga Recognising Different Sounds	Charanga Exploring Improvisation	Charanga Our Big Concert
Computing	Unit 2.2 - Online Safety - 2 weeks Unit 2.7 - Making music - 3 weeks Unit 2.6 - Creating pictures - 5 weeks		Unit 2.3 - Spreadsheets - 4 weeks plus Year 1 unit Unit 2.1 - Coding - 5 weeks		Unit 2.4 - Questioning - 5 weeks Unit 2.8 - Presenting Ideas - 5 weeks Unit 2.5 - Effective Searching - 3 weeks	
E-Safety	Purple Mash Unit 2.2 Online Safety	NOS Self-Image and Identity And NOS Online Relationships	NOS Online Reputation	NOS Online Bullying	NOS Managing Online Information And NOS Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle	NOS Privacy and Security And NOS Copyright and Ownership
Physical Education	Sending and Receiving And Ball Skills	Yoga And Dance	Fitness And Gymnastics	Dance And Team Building	Athletics And Net and Wall	Invasion And Striking and Fielding
Significant People of interest	Cool Creators - Vivienne Westwood		Super Scientists - Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale		Exciting Explorers and Freedom Fighters - Amelia Earhart	

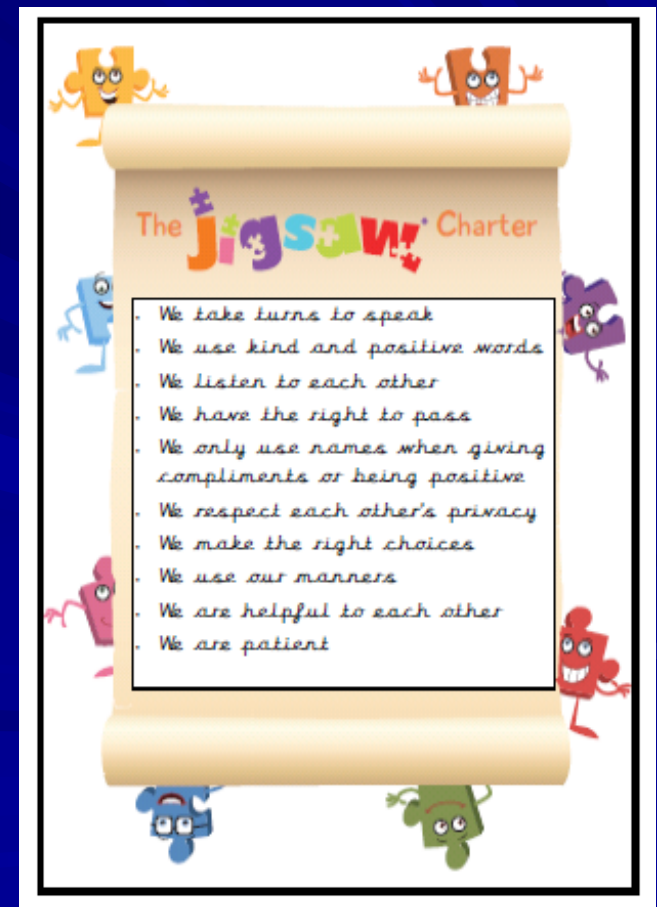
Behaviour

As part of our PSHCE and Jigsaw lessons we create our Class Charter to make the classroom a safe and happy place to learn.



Rewards

1. Marvellous Me – Thumbs Up
2. Stickers
3. Merit Awards
4. Amazing Achievers
5. Share work with Mr Dagnall & Mrs Haslam



September 2026

Year 2 arrive between 08:45am – 9:00am

(doors close at 9am – children are to be ready to start their learning at 9am)

Attendance Teddies – attendance and late marks

Year 2 go home at 3:20pm

Reading in Year 2

■ Phonics and Reading

Two Phonics books will be sent home every week, one will be an unseen text sent home on a **Monday**. The other book will have been read in class, recorded in their reading diary and will be sent home on a **Friday**. When reading at home please include any comments in the reading diary and please return to school **daily**.

PLEASE ensure children bring their reading book and diary to school every day.

Children will also bring home a book from the library which can be shared together.



Reading in Year 2



■ Reading Comprehension/Accelerated Reader

When the children have completed the Read Write Inc. programme, they will move onto Read Write Inc. Comprehension. These lessons will be taught in school and the children will begin to choose their own reading books from the library. In order to choose an appropriate book, the children will complete a Star quiz on Accelerated Reader. This will provide them with their library code.

When the children are confident with their reading book, they can take a comprehension style quiz on Accelerated Reader to assess their understanding. When they pass the quiz, they can go to the library to choose a new book.

Reading in Year 2

■ Whole Class Reading – Summer Term

The children will have daily reading lessons where they will be taught new skills and encouraged to apply them during their guided reading sessions and at home. The following reading skills will be covered.



Predict

Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.



Retrieve

Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction text, such as characters, events, titles and information.



Infer

Make inferences from the text.



Sequence

Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.



Visualise

Identify and explain the sequence of events in texts.



Question

Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.



Clarify

Identify and explain key aspects of fiction and non-fiction text, such as characters, events, titles and information.



Vocabulary

Draw on knowledge of vocabulary to understand texts.

P.E

- P.E in Year 2 – twice a week, days to be confirmed
- The children **MUST** arrive in their P.E kit.

P.E Kit

- Outdoor kit – plain tracksuit/hoodie/joggers
- Trainers – no laces unless they can independently tie them
- P.E t-shirt in their house colour team
- All uniform to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Homework



This year we will be setting homework via Purple Mash on a Friday and this should be completed by the following Thursday.

There will be a variety of activities to complete each week on Purple Mash.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/bleakhill>

Spellings and Maths will be available on Purple Mash as a quiz.

Homework

Reading

As part of the Year 2 homework, we expect children to be reading daily and this needs to be recorded in their new Reading Diary.

Spellings

The children will learn a new spelling rule each week. On Fridays, a quiz will be set on Purple Mash 2Dos for the children to complete by the following Thursday.

Maths

The children will have a Maths quiz set on Purple Mash 2Dos on a Friday, to be completed by the following Thursday. We also encourage the children to use TTRockstars on a regular basis.

Year 2 Assessment

Termly Assessments:

- Reading
- Mathematics
- Writing
- Grammar and Spelling

This assessment will be very similar to class work and the children will be unaware it is an assessment.

Everyday items

- Water Bottles - sports cap and **water only**, to be brought to school each day.
- Healthy Snacks - for playtime (any tubs to be labelled with your child's name) or toast which can be ordered through School Spider each half term.
- No pencil case or equipment is required.
- All items of uniform must be **clearly labelled** with your child's name.
- Jewellery - jewellery must **NOT** be worn in school.

Transition Day

Transition Day is on Friday 3rd July.

Children will enter in Y1 classroom door but leave from their new Y2 classroom door. All Year 2 classrooms face the field.

Any Other Information

- Contact information – ie. mobile numbers etc. must be kept up to date with the school office.
- If you have any queries or questions, please contact staff via the Bleak Hill email, and this will be forwarded on to the relevant teacher.
bleakhillparents@sthelens.org.uk
- Medical appointments – please provide a physical copy of an appointment letter to the class teacher/office or this can be emailed, as above.
- Lunches – all KS1 children receive a free school meal.