

Blencathra Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2026



Welcome back

We hope you had a restful break and are ready for a new term. The children have settled back into routines quickly and we are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead.

Homework

Homework will be set on Seesaw each Monday, and it is to be completed by the following Friday. Homework can be completed on Seesaw or in their homework books.

Only children still on their phonics journey will have a book uploaded to Seesaw and they should continue to record themselves reading this book. The book is the focus of their English lessons for that week. All other children will move onto Hamilton English lessons.

The children who have moved onto Hamilton English lessons have also moved onto the Read Write Inc Spelling programme and they will soon receive a list of spellings to learn.

Reading

Just a reminder that the children need to read 4 times each week in order to be in the reading raffle. Any children who are in the reading raffle every week this half term, will be rewarded with a play session at Ford Park.

Curriculum

This term, children will be learning about animals and plants in science, weather and world locations in geography, and significant individuals such as Mary Anning and David Attenborough in history. They will also take part in music, art, computing, RE, PSHE and design and technology lessons. A detailed curriculum overview has been shared separately.

PE Lessons

PE lessons will continue with HP Activities, on a **Monday** afternoon and, this term, their second lesson will be on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child has a full kit in school. Navy joggers are optional for outdoor PE in the colder weather. Earrings should be removed or taped by your child or, by a parent before coming to school if they are unable to do this.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Monday – 3:15-4:15pm
Gymnastics – Miss Mallinson & Miss McQuillan
Tuesday – 3:15-4:15pm
A & Craft – Miss Green
Wednesday – 3:15-4:15pm
Construction – Miss Martin
Thursday – 3:15-4:15pm
Little Ballers – Mrs Doran / Mrs D’Leny
Friday – 3:15-4:15pm
Free Choice – Miss Martin

Spring Term Trips

This term, Class 2 will be visiting Blackpool Zoo alongside Class 1 on Friday 13th March. The visit will support learning in science through observing and comparing animals, and in English through discussions and writing linked to our topic on pets. It will also provide valuable background knowledge ahead of learning about David Attenborough next half term.

Star Pupil

Each week, a Star Pupil is chosen to recognise a child who has stood out during that particular week. The Star Pupil jumper may be given by Mrs D’Leny (when she returns), Miss McQuillan or myself, and is based on a specific reason such as effort, progress, behaviour, or kindness and support shown to others. The focus is on recognising notable achievements from that week, so different children may be celebrated at different times.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any questions or queries over the next term, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Doran, Miss Green, Miss McQuillan

