

Welcome to our Parents' meeting

September 2025



Meet the team







Mrs Cameron

Class Teacher



Mrs Pardoe Class Teacher



Mrs Davis
Class Teacher

Purpose and aims

- To meet your child's new teacher and to answer any questions you may have
- To provide the expectations for the end of the year in terms of the curriculum
- To explain the purpose of planners
- To clarify information about the school based on parent questionnaire feedback



School Life





School Is Closed Welcome to Demo School



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A typical school day



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Expectations of the academic year

- We will now explore the curriculum content for Year I.
- This is an overview of the year group of the relevant National Curriculum objectives.
- Essentially, each year group needs to be able to read and spell at their level. There are copies of the spellings relevant for each year group in the front of the planner. These are not exhaustive lists.



Year I Curriculum content — a general overview

- Maths
- English (Phonics, handwriting, sentence structure)
- Science
- Computing

Topics

- History
- Geography

Autumn Topic Theme — Very Important People

- Art
- Technology

Spring Topic Theme — Highlands and Homelands

- Music
- P.E

Summer Topic Theme — Land and Sea

- PSHE
- RE

·Forest school

In all topics we try to follow a direction that is

child-led.

Curriculum Content:

- Reading:
 - ► Word Reading
 - ► Comprehension
- ► Writing:
 - ► Transcription
 - ► Handwriting
 - ► Composition
 - ► Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
- Maths:
 - ► Number and Place Value
 - ► Addition and Subtraction
 - ► Multiplication and Division
 - ► Fractions
 - ► Measurement
 - ► Geometry



Little Wandle

Your child's reading journey Year 1

Your child is on their journey to becoming a skilled reader. In Reception, they learned all of the single letter sounds, the consonant digraphs and some vowel digraphs (digraph: two letters, one sound) and trigraphs (three letters, one sound).

In Year 1, children will learn the remaining graphemes in the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* programme. These are alternative spellings for the sounds that they already know. The children will become more fluent readers and will read increasingly challenging texts.

All for the love of reading

- Teaching children the skills of reading will increase their will to read.
- Children who love reading, choose to read.
- Reading develops children's vocabulary, understanding of the world and empathy.
- A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success! To develop
 a love of reading, children must have the skills to read, which is why we teach
 them using phonics.

What is my child taught in school?

- In Year 1, children are taught a 30-minute phonics lesson every day.
- They will also have an opportunity to apply their phonic knowledge to reading a book (matched to their level), at least three times a week.
- Your child may need daily additional practice to help secure their learning.

What can I do to support my child at home?

- Listen to your child practise reading their phonics book to develop their fluency.
- Read to your child daily choose books that you can enjoy together.
 The love of reading books we send home are a great place to start.
- Ask your child's teacher if you need extra help with supporting your child - that's what we're here for!

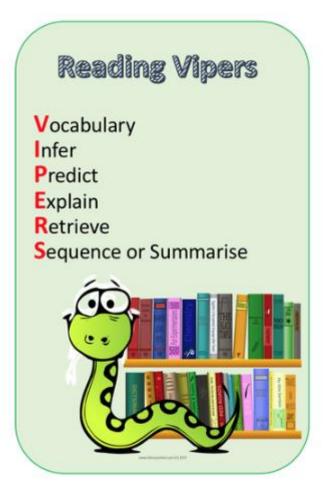
What if my child comes across a word that they can't read straight away?

- If your child is unsure of a word, ask them to sound it out and then blend.
- Ask them if they can spot any digraphs (two letters, one sound) or trigraphs (three letters, one sound) before decoding the word.
- Never ask your child to guess words using the pictures or initial sounds as clues. If they are really struggling just read the word to them.

My child is reading the books fluently at home, do they need a more challenging book?

- No! We want children to be able to read fluently and not find reading a chore.
- Once they can read fluently, they can focus on adding expression when reading aloud and showing their understanding of the book. Use the prompts on the back page of the books to check your child's understanding.

Alongside using Little Wandle, we assess the children's reading skills through a range of strategies which include more than just being able to read the words. This includes 'VIPERS'.



P.E Kits







1DJ - Tuesday 1JC - Thursday

Attendance



Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year — Less than 30 Hours of Learning Lost

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best levels/grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year - 50 Hours of Learning Lost

These pupils are less likely to achieve their target levels/grades and will start to find it difficult to maintain a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2-week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90%: 19 days absence a year - 95 Hours of Learning Lost

The Government classes pupils in this group as "Persistent Absentees", and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work and achieve their target levels/grades.

Parents of young people in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken by Dudley Council, including the issuing of Penalty Notices and Fines.

Homework

- ► Homework will be set weekly on a WEDNESDAY, this should be completed by the following TUESDAY.
- ► Reading books will come home on a Wednesday to be returned the following Wednesday.





Online homework

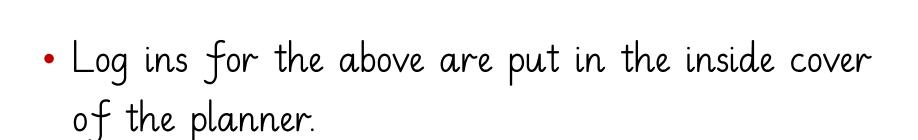
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- Spelling Shed
- Numbots.





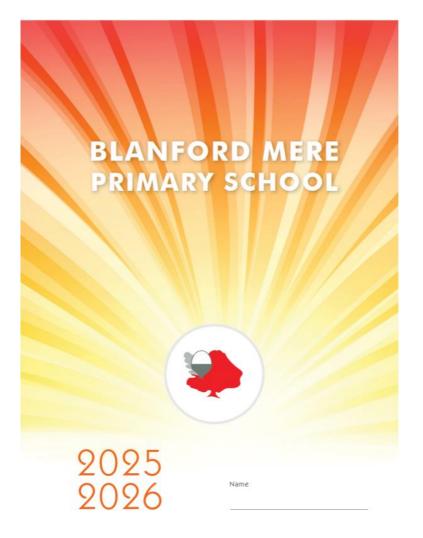








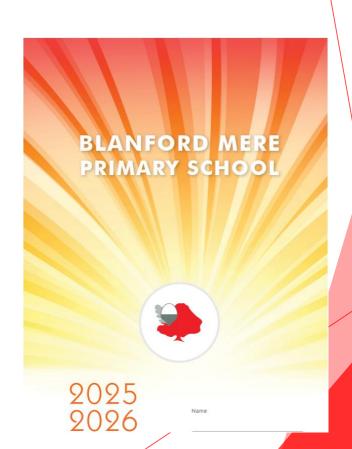
Planners





Planner content

- English glossary of terms helpful for grownups as well as children!
- Writing Alan Peat Sentences
- Maths Visual Calculation Policy
- Maths aids
- School's assessment policy
- Year group specific spellings
- Staying safe online



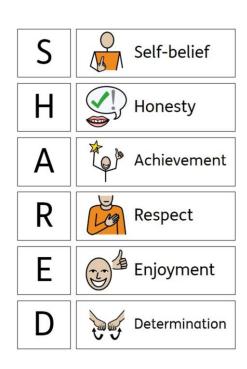




Behaviour Curriculum













	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	SELF-	HONESTY	ACHIEVEME	RESPECT	ENJOYMEN	DETERMINA
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to Year 6	Mere Way'		curriculum		curriculum	
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We believe that as our children practise these behaviours over time, they become habits that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them.



Primary School



We know that we use **Wonderful Walking** to keep everyone **safe** in school and to make sure the learning of other children is not disrupted as people move around school.



Facing forward,

Walking at a steady pace; in a straight line,

Hands behind your back,

Without talking during learning time.

Super Sitting

We know that **super sitting** ensures that everybody is **ready** and able to learn without distractions.

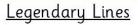


Sitting up straight with legs crossed,

Facing forwards with hands in your lap,

Looking at the speaker, Lips closed.





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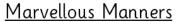


Our steps to Legendary Lines:

- Face forward.
- 2. Stand in a straight line.
- Hands behind your back without talking.







STEPS

Say full names when addressing members of staff.

Thank You — children know that they should say 'thank you' when they receive something or someone does something nice for them.

Excuse Me — children know that they should always use 'excuse me' if someone is in their way or they want to say something to someone when they appear busy.

Please – children know that they should always say 'please' when they are asking for something.

Smile — children know that they should demonstrate self- belief and be positive and upbeat when talking to adults and each other.



Tremendous Transitions

We know that **tremendous transitions** ensure a safe, calm and purposeful learning environment for all. They help to maximise learning time and create a sense of order and routine within the classroom and around school.

Our steps to Tremendous Transitions:

- 1) We are silent to listen to instructions.
- 2) We are ready to make the transition.
- 3) We are swift— to action the transition.

Examples of transitions may be moving from the carpet to tables; handing out books; lining up at the classroom door or leaving assemblies etc.













Shared Values
Day



Determination

BLANFORD MERE REWARDS & SANCTIONS CHART



The Value Inspired Person award is awarded to one person in class that has been exemplary in demonstrating values. 1 child out of 30.

VIP

This is alongside phone calls home, teacher notes and other ways of noticing good behaviour. This is for over and above behaviours that parents should know about.

HT Certificate

Value Sticker

Value stickers will be given out for demonstrating over and above values.

Root the praise to a value or school rule e.g. I have noticed that you are ready... You have shown respect by

Verbal Praise

This will include your stickers, rewards etc.

These verbal prompts will be rooted in the school rules and values e.g. We

BE READY BE RESPECTFUL BE SAFE

Sanctions will be Steps 1,2,3,4 and parents will be communicated with at any step, but will definitely need to be spoken to at steps 3 & 4.

Two verbal prompts should lead to a restorative conversation.

Verbal Prompt

Restorative

Conversation

need you to be respectful ... You have not shown me that you are ready, you now need to ...

Restorative Conversation SLT

Parent informed by class
Headteacher.
HT Parent Meeting

Parent will be informed by class teacher. A 5 minute conversation with phase lead, then another phase lead, then DHT,HT.







Sanctions

At Blanford Mere, we have developed a consistent and robust behaviour curriculum that allows children to be taught and retaught expected behaviours. We believe in a consistent and immediate response to the behaviours that we do not wish to see.

If a child is not demonstrating the behaviours that we would like to see a **verbal prompt** will be given. This prompt will signal to children that they need to rectify their behaviour and respond appropriately. At this point, we would hope that the child is now demonstrating the right behaviour.

However, if this is not the case, a short **restorative conversation** will be had with the child at this point or at the end of the session. We believe it is the immediacy of the response, not the weight of the sanction that matters. During the conversation we will connect with the child, acknowledge the undesirable behaviour, discuss how this behaviour can be improved and move forward.

If this behaviour continues, a **restorative conversation with a member of the senior leadership team** will take place with the child. This will take place during a break or lunchtime session.

If all of these restorative approaches have not had the desired effect, a **meeting** will be arranged by the Headteacher with the child and their parents/carers.

This information will be recorded on a behaviour log and monitored by the Senior leadership team.

Anti-bullying

S - Several

T - Times

O - On

P - Purpose





Online Safety

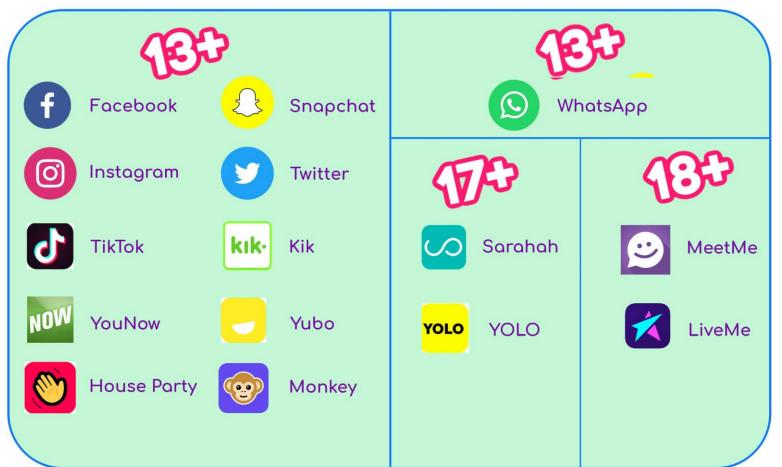
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- Setting up parental controls
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Online Safety — Social Media



APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS





Online Safety



https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides







Making an appointment





We like to work together with parents; teachers may ask to see you at the end of the day to talk with you and your child. This may be to highlight things they've done well, support their learning or to discuss a behavioural issue. We work together to resolve issues.

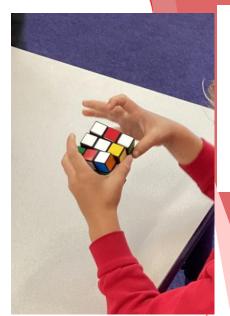








Some Year I fun to look forward to!







Finally...

Any questions?



