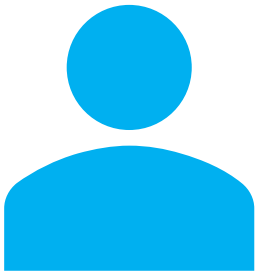
Blake Class
Year 1
2026-27

twinkl
twinkl Quality Standard Approved

Adults working in Blake Class



Mrs Benton
(Class Teacher)



Miss Turner
(HLTA)



Miss Glassup
(Teaching Assistant)

Miss Turner will be covering my PPA time
all day on Tuesdays.

twinkl.com

What our day looks like

Time	Activity
08:40-08:50	Arrival: morning work
08:50-09:00	Registration, visual timetable, dough disco
09:00-09:45	Phonics
09:45-1045	English
10:45-11:00	Break time (KS1)
11:00-12:00	Maths
12:00-1:00	Lunch time
1:00-2:40	Afternoon registration, DEAR time and Topic work
2:40-2:50	Tidy up time
2:50-3:10	Assembly (1:10 on Fridays for celebration assembly)
3:10-3:20	Getting ready for home time

twinkl.com

Our Classroom

Behaviour:

Golden time
Star reward jar
Team points

Show and Tell:

We will invite a few children to share something with the class on a Friday afternoon.

Class Jobs:
Weekly jobs of line leader, end of line monitor and table monitors.

twinkl.com

PE

Our PE days are a Wednesday and a Thursday.

Please bring a PE kit in school in a named bag. This kit should include:

- ✓ A blue t-shirt
- ✓ Black/navy blue shorts
- ✓ Black/navy jogging bottoms for colder weather
- ✓ Black daps or trainers



Please ensure these items are individually named to prevent mix ups!

Long hair must be tied up and jewellery removed before school on PE days.

twinkl.com

Forest School



Our forest school days this term are:

- Monday 28th September
- Monday 5th October

The class will be split into 2 groups, and you will receive a letter telling you when it is your child's turn.

On their forest school date, please ensure you send your child to school wearing their own clothes (suitable for forest school!).·

twinkl.com

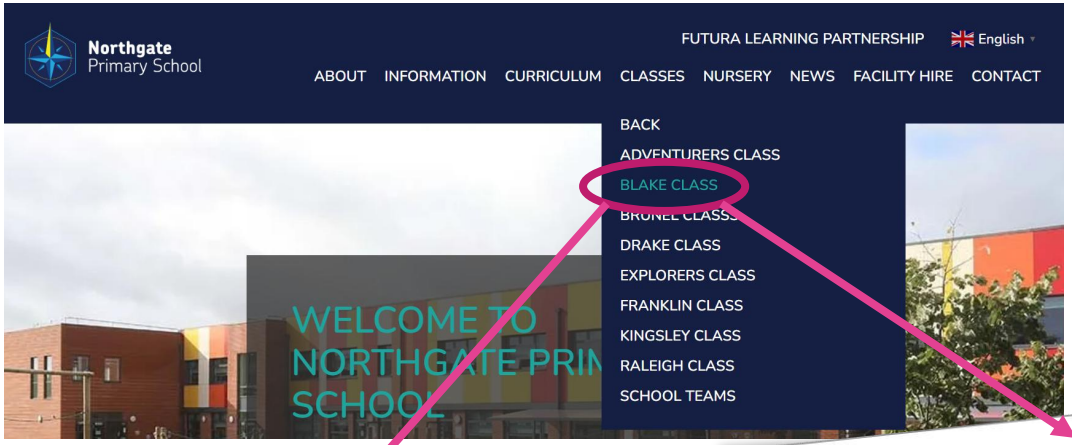
This year we will be learning...

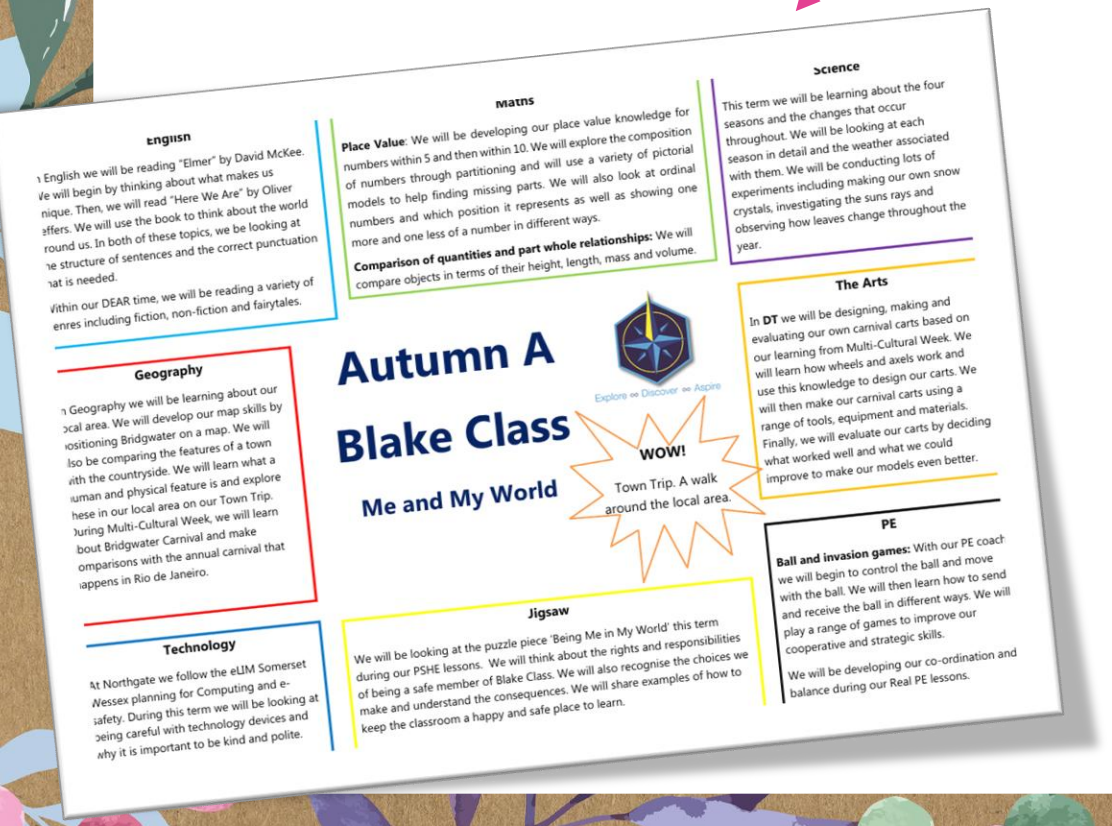
Term	Topic
Autumn term	1. Me in My World 2. The Great Fire of London
Spring term	1. The United Kingdom 2. Infinity and Beyond
Summer term	1. Animals and Africa 2. Castles

At the start of every half term, a **curriculum overview** and **knowledge organiser** will be uploaded to our class page on the school website.

We aim to make our units of work as **meaningful**, **cross-curricular** and **child-led** as possible for the children at Northgate.

twinkl.com





English

In English we will be reading "Elmer" by David McKee. We will begin by thinking about what makes us unique. Then, we will read "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers. We will use the book to think about the world around us. In both of these topics, we be looking at the structure of sentences and the correct punctuation that is needed.

Within our DEAR time, we will be reading a variety of genres including fiction, non-fiction and fairytales.

Maths

Place Value: We will be developing our place value knowledge for numbers within 5 and then within 10. We will explore the composition of numbers through partitioning and will use a variety of pictorial models to help finding missing parts. We will also look at ordinal numbers and which position it represents as well as showing one more and one less of a number in different ways.

Comparison of quantities and part whole relationships: We will compare objects in terms of their height, length, mass and volume.

Science

This term we will be learning about the four seasons and the changes that occur throughout. We will be looking at each season in detail and the weather associated with them. We will be conducting lots of experiments including making our own snow crystals, investigating the suns rays and observing how leaves change throughout the year.

Autumn A

Blake Class

Me and My World

Explore ∞ Discover ∞ Aspire

WOW!

Town Trip. A walk around the local area.

Geography

In Geography we will be learning about our local area. We will develop our map skills by positioning Bridgwater on a map. We will also be comparing the features of a town with the countryside. We will learn what a human and physical feature is and explore these in our local area on our Town Trip. During Multi-Cultural Week, we will learn about Bridgwater Carnival and make comparisons with the annual carnival that happens in Rio de Janeiro.

The Arts

In **DT** we will be designing, making and evaluating our own carnival carts based on our learning from Multi-Cultural Week. We will learn how wheels and axels work and use this knowledge to design our carts. We will then make our carnival carts using a range of tools, equipment and materials. Finally, we will evaluate our carts by deciding what worked well and what we could improve to make our models even better.

PE

Ball and invasion games: With our PE coach we will begin to control the ball and move with the ball. We will then learn how to send and receive the ball in different ways. We will play a range of games to improve our cooperative and strategic skills.

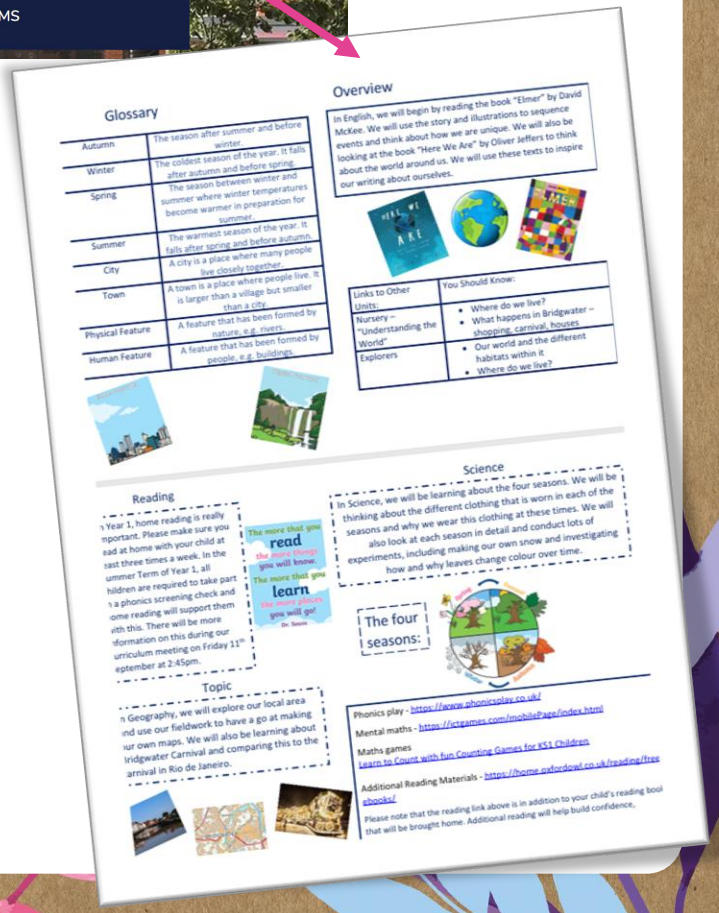
We will be developing our co-ordination and balance during our Real PE lessons.

Technology

At Northgate we follow the eLIM Somerset Wessex planning for Computing and e-safety. During this term we will be looking at being careful with technology devices and why it is important to be kind and polite.

Jigsaw

We will be looking at the puzzle piece 'Being Me in My World' this term during our PSHE lessons. We will think about the rights and responsibilities of being a safe member of Blake Class. We will also recognise the choices we make and understand the consequences. We will share examples of how to keep the classroom a happy and safe place to learn.



Glossary

Autumn	The season after summer and before winter.
Winter	The coldest season of the year. It falls after autumn and before spring.
Spring	The season between winter and summer where winter temperatures become warmer in preparation for summer.
Summer	The warmest season of the year. It falls after spring and before autumn.
City	A city is a place where many people live closely together.
Town	A town is a place where people live. It is larger than a village but smaller than a city.
Physical Feature	A feature that has been formed by nature, e.g. rivers.
Human Feature	A feature that has been formed by people, e.g. buildings.

Overview

In English, we will begin by reading the book "Elmer" by David McKee. We will use the story and illustrations to sequence events and think about how we are unique. We will also be looking at the book "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers to think about the world around us. We will use these texts to inspire our writing about ourselves.

Links to Other Units:	You Should Know:
Nursery – "Understanding the World"	• Where do we live? • What happens in Bridgwater – shopping, carnival, houses
Explorers	• Our world and the different habitats within it • Where do we live?

Reading

In Year 1, home reading is really important. Please make sure you read at home with your child at least three times a week. In the summer Term of Year 1, all children are required to take part in a phonics screening check and some reading will support them with this. There will be more information on this during our curriculum meeting on Friday 11th September at 2:45pm.

The more that you read, the more you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go! Dr. Seuss

Science

In Science, we will be learning about the four seasons. We will be thinking about the different clothing that is worn in each of the seasons and why we wear this clothing at these times. We will also look at each season in detail and conduct lots of experiments, including making our own snow and investigating how and why leaves change colour over time.

The four seasons:

Topic

In Geography, we will explore our local area and use our fieldwork to have a go at making our own maps. We will also be learning about Bridgwater Carnival and comparing this to the carnival in Rio de Janeiro.

Phonics play - https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

Mental maths - https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html

Maths games
Learn to Count with fun Counting Games for KS1 Children

Additional Reading Materials - https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/

Please note that the reading link above is in addition to your child's reading book that will be brought home. Additional reading will help build confidence,

twinkl.com

Reading



In School:

- We aim to read 3 times a week with each child in school.
- Follow the same book band progression as in Explorers Class.
- Daily phonics sessions in the morning in preparation for their Phonics Screening Check at the end of Year 1.
- DEAR (Drop Everything And Read). Every afternoon we spend some time reading and enjoying a story book as a whole class.

At Home:

- We ask that you read with your child at least 3 times a week at home.
- An adult at home should read with the child and sign the reading journal.
- Reading journals are checked daily and books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- On Friday we will hand out reading certificates to the children that have read at least 3 times that week at home, as a reward.

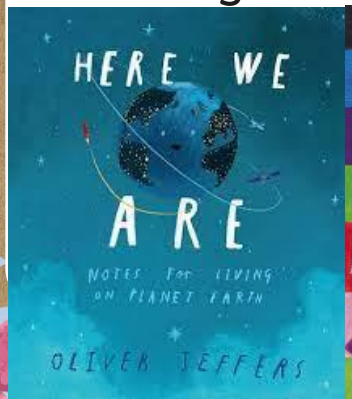
twinkl.com

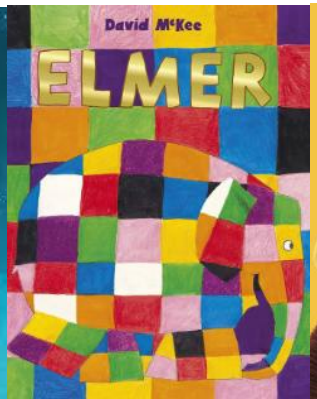
How you can help

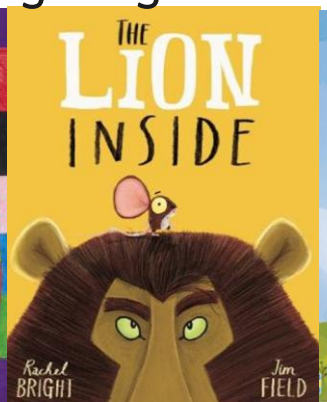
Helping the child to sound out any words they are unsure of and then blend the sounds back together.

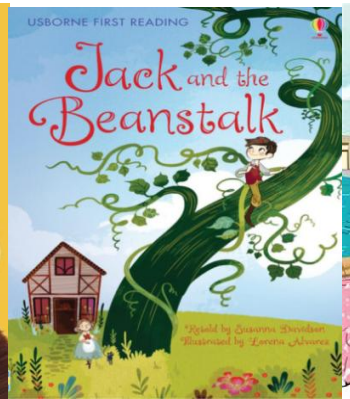
Comprehension Questions:

- ❑ Did you enjoy the book? Why?
- ❑ What type of story is this? What are the main events?
- ❑ Tell me about what you have just read.
- ❑ What do you think might happen next? What makes you think that?
- ❑ How do you think (character) felt when……?
- ❑ Who is your favourite character? Why?
- ❑ Can you retell the story in your own words?









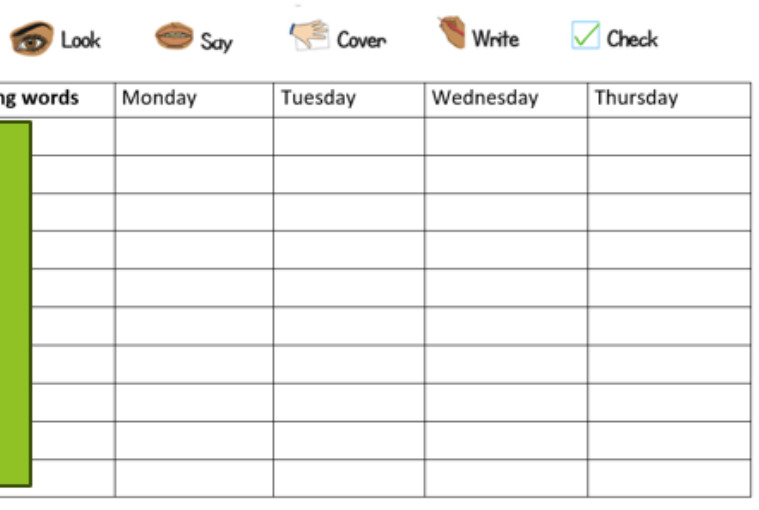


Spellings

After October half term, spellings will be sent home for the children to practice.

Please encourage your children to practice their spellings daily. It forms part of their weekly homework and will help them enormously in their independent writing and assessments.

Spellings will be in the format of 'look, say, cover, write, check'.



Year 1 Common Exception Words

the	is	no	one
a	his	go	once
do	has	so	ask
to	I	by	friend
today	you	my	school
of	your	here	put
said	they	there	push
says	be	where	pull
are	he	love	full
were	me	come	house
was	she	some	our
	we		

twinkl.com

Spelling Activity Ideas

Rainbow Words

First, write your spelling words in pencil. Then, use different coloured crayons to write your words 5 times by either tracing over the word each time or by writing them next to each other.

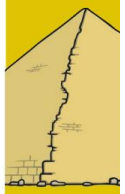


Pyramid Writing

Pyramid write your spelling words.
Try to write them neatly!

Example:

s
so
som
some



Silly Sentences

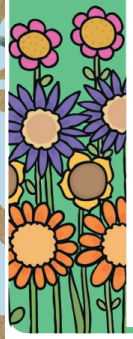
Write silly sentences with a spelling word in each sentence. Underline your spelling words.

Example:

My cat wears a yellow hat when she goes dancing.

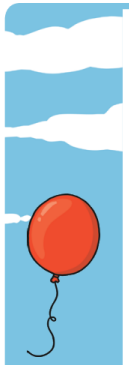
Spelling Flowers

Draw a big flower. Write each of your spelling words on one of the petals.



Air Write

Write your spelling words in the air with your finger. Ask someone to read your words as you write. You could also ask someone to air write while you read the word!



Foam Letters

Write your spelling words in cream or foam.



3D Words

Make your spelling words out of playdough or clay.



Connect the Dots

Write your spelling words using dots. Connect the dots you've drawn by tracing over them with a coloured pencil.

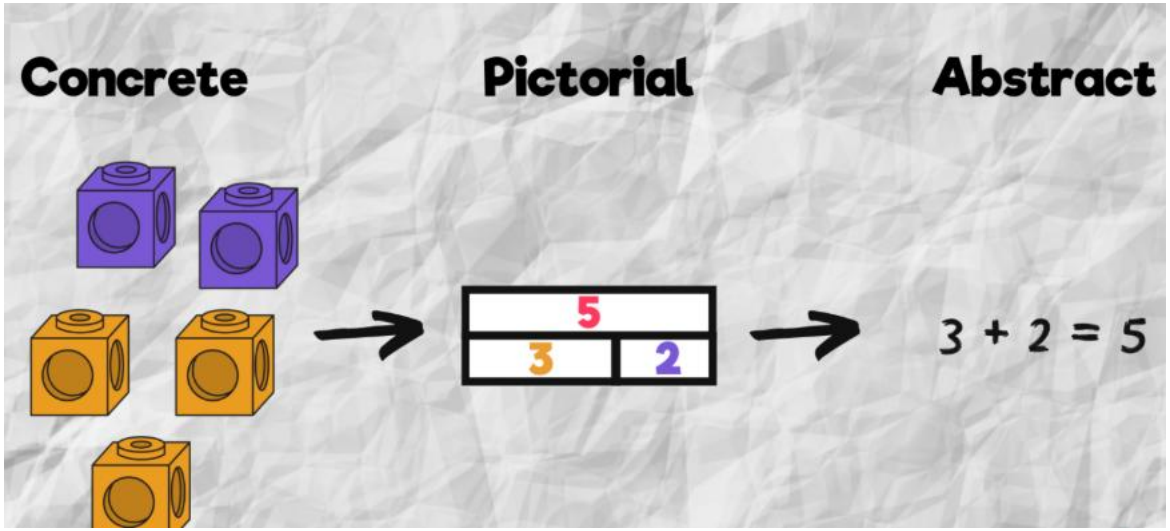
Magnetic Letters

Use your magnetic letters to write your spelling words.



twinkl.com

Maths



At Northgate, we adopt a teaching for mastery approach in teaching maths. This means that children learn to master and become more fluent in each area of maths. After this, their understanding can be deepened by problem solving and reasoning questions.

Supporting Maths at Home

Counting items in the environment

Maths is everywhere!

Weighing ingredients when cooking or baking.

Ask them to tell you the time.

Noticing prices when out shopping.

Compare the length and weight of objects.

twinkl.com

Homework

Spellings

After October half term.
Daily practice
Weekly checks

Short Activity

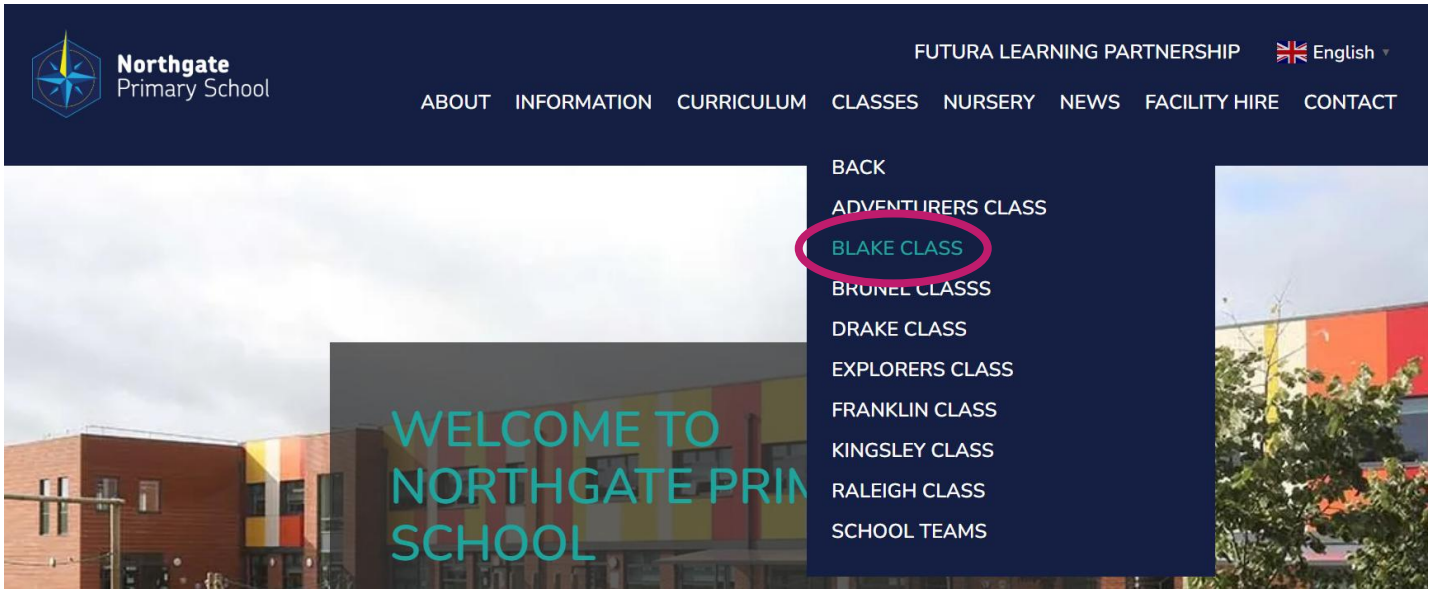
After Christmas.
Short reading, writing or maths activity to complete at home.

Reading

Practice at least 3 times a week at home.

twinkl.com

Staying up to date



Class email (checked on Tuesdays)

Letters home
Parents evenings

Workshops
Meetings

twinkl.com

Thank You!

Thank you all so much for your support so far.

This may seem like a lot, but you are already doing a brilliant job supporting your children with school.

Please do not hesitate to come to me, Miss Turner or Miss Glassup with any questions you may have- we are here to help!

Class email: blakeclass@northgateprimaryschool.org.uk

twinkl.com


twinkl
twinkl
Quality Standard
Approved