

Spring Term – Blake Class

Class Welcome

We have had a lovely Spring Term in Blake Class. It has been wonderful to see so much engagement, smiles and positive interactions in the classroom. This term our topic has been exploring the imaginative stories of David Walliams through sensory and interactive activities. The children have enjoyed storytelling, themed play and sensory experiences that helped bring the stories to life. We have also celebrated some fun themed days including Valentine's Day, St Patrick's Day and World Book Day, as well as enjoying a special Taste the Film Day. Next term, our new topic will be Transport, where we will explore different vehicles through sensory play, sounds and movement.



Communication and interaction

This term, Blake Class has continued to develop their communication and interaction skills through a range of engaging sensory activities. Our topic exploring the stories of David Walliams has provided lots of opportunities for shared attention, anticipation and interaction through storytelling, sensory play and character-themed activities. We have also begun exploring Tacpac Set 2, where the children have been responding to different sounds, music and touch experiences to support engagement, communication and connection with others.



Cognition and Learning

This term, the children have loved taking part in our Sensology sessions, exploring lights, sounds, movement, and different textures. These calming sensory routines have helped pupils build awareness, anticipation, and engagement. Through these activities, they've also experienced early maths concepts such as more/less, simple patterns, and cause and effect. It's been wonderful to see their confidence and responses grow each week.



Independence, social and emotional development

This term, Blake Class has been developing independence and social skills through a range of engaging activities. The children took part in sensory cooking sessions where we made cabbage soup, rocky road, jelly sandwiches and scones. These activities gave pupils opportunities to explore different textures and tastes while practising skills such as mixing, pouring and taking turns. We have also been visiting different classes around the school, helping the children become more confident in new environments and encouraging social interaction with others outside of Blake Class.



Physical and Sensory

This term, the children have been developing their physical skills through fun and engaging activities while using their physiotherapy equipment. We have been playing a range of games to encourage movement, stretching and participation, helping the children build strength and confidence in an enjoyable way. These sessions have supported body awareness while keeping physical activity motivating and fun for everyone in Blake Class.



Special news and upcoming events

April:

20–30 Apr Finalise classes for 2026–27

23 Apr Virtual Tea & Chat with SLT (6pm)

June:

8 Jun Publish class staffing for 2026–27 | Parent Coffee Morning (9.30am)

12 Jun Come and Learn With Me | Year 14 Leavers' Event

25 Jun Virtual Tea & Chat with SLT (6pm)

26 Jun Prom

W/c 22 Jun Parent Meetings (end of year reports)

27 Jun PTA School Fete

July:

3 Jul Sports Day

9 Jul Come and Learn With Me

10 Jul Family Picnic

13 Jul Sixth Form Merit Assembly (2pm)

14 Jul Upper School Merit Assembly (2pm)

15 Jul Lower School Merit Assembly (2pm)

16 Jul PMLD Merit Assembly (2pm)

17 Jul Family Performance (Harlow Brass Band)