



Blackbrook School

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Headteacher: Mr Daniel Seviour BA (Hons) PGCE NPQH

Monday 24th March 2025

Summer Term Teaching Arrangements: Class Five

Dear Parents,

With the return of a teacher, Miss Matthews, from maternity leave at the beginning of the Summer term, and the additional capacity this gives us as a school that has recently reduced from eight to seven classes, we are presented with an opportunity to utilise additional teaching resource within the school.

For the Summer term, Class Five will benefit from additional teaching capacity each morning, with Mrs Rendell, Teacher (three mornings) and Miss Sillett, Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (two mornings) joining the class in addition to Ms Wells, as the substantive class teacher, who will continue to teach the class full-time.

The children will begin the school day as usual in their classroom and will continue to have wider curriculum lessons in the usual way. The class will split into two groups for Writing and Maths lessons, with one group working in our spare classroom, which will be thoughtfully known as 'Wood Room' for this period as a nod to Mrs Wood who has worked diligently to clear and prepare the space for the Summer term.

Ms Wells will teach the class maths and Mrs Rendell and Miss Sillett will teach the class writing, with the children swapping after break. This is an exciting opportunity that significantly increases the staff to child ratio for these lessons, allowing each child to benefit from teaching in a smaller group that is more tailored to their individual needs. The groupings will be mixed ability, as this is best practice and ensures all children are given the best chances to achieve highly in line with our school values. The children will continue to have all other lessons, as well as break and lunchtimes, together.

We are looking forward to working in this way for the Summer term in readiness for the class' final year at Blackbrook School (where has the time gone?!)

Ms Wells will be happy to discuss this with you at your parent consultation meeting this week.

Best Wishes,

Mr D. Seviour
Headteacher

Mrs S. Shaw
Key Stage Two Phase Leader