



## Blackbrook School

Aspiration Fairness Kindness Responsibility Teamwork

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Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Autumn 1 Curriculum Letter – Class 6

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class 6! It has been a fabulous start to the year – the children have settled very quickly and I am looking forward to working with them. Our topic for this half term is 'Ancient Greece' and you will find planning attached to this letter.

**PPA cover** - My PPA will be on every alternate Wednesday, starting next week (17<sup>th</sup> September) and it will be covered by a lovely teacher called Mrs Webber, who has been working in the Trust for a couple of years. Every other Wednesday, Mrs Webber will also be teaching the class in an afternoon, to release me for leadership time (my Key Stage 2 Phase lead role). Mrs Webber spent most of Thursday with us and she is looking forward to teaching the class.

**Homework** - Each Friday children will be set **English** and **Maths** homework using SATs revision guides (these will be provided). This needs to be completed and handed in by Thursday of the following week please, as we will be marking it together on the Friday and then setting new homework. We will start this on Friday of this week (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September). I will send home details of this on Friday and will have explained it to the children.

**Other Homework** - Spellings will be sent home on a Friday. Please encourage your child to spend time practising them at home. They will be tested on the following Friday. Also, times tables are important to so many areas of the maths curriculum, so please encourage your child to practise these.

**Reading** – Your child has already chosen a levelled school reading book and we do expect children to read at least 5 times a week at home. This might be independently or to an adult. Please record when your child reads in their reading record book, as we will be checking these on a Monday morning.

Even if your child is a fluent reader, they still need regular practise. Through reading, they will increase their knowledge of language and comprehension as well as develop their own writing skills. As a year 6 child, I want to encourage the children to read a range of genres and text types. So, I am happy if they would like to also read a book of their choice, either from home or our class book corner.

**SATS week** - The date for SATs week is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Please do **not** book holidays for these days.

As a school, we try not to put pressure on the children to complete these tests; we just ask that they do their best. We use the data within school, but they are designed for the government to judge schools and the information is not used by secondary schools to set children; they do their own assessments. The children have already completed a set of tests at the end of year 5 and will do more practice papers over the year; they are like the NFER tests, so the children are used to the format. If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to ask.

**PE** - Our PE days are on a Monday. Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on this day please. Please see our uniform policy for details of our PE kit expectations.

**Wellington boots** – If your child would like to still use the school field at lunchtimes when the ground is wet, please send in a pair of **named** wellies to be kept in school as soon as possible.

### **Skern**

A reminder our residential to Skern Lodge is booked for Tuesday 18th November to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025. Details of this have been sent out before the holidays and the payment system on Arbor is already set up. A reminder that full payment is required for this trip please. I will be sending home more information nearer the time but if you do have any questions then please do ask.

### **September 2026 – secondary school application**

From the 29th of September, you can start to apply for secondary school places and there will be open evenings coming up at the local secondary schools. I always try to let you know when these are but please keep an eye out for them on the secondary schools' websites. The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. You will receive an email with the links for this so please keep an eye out for it. If you miss the deadline, then your child will be offered a place which may not be your preferred choice or catchment school. If you have any questions, I will do my best to help.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming year. Please don't hesitate to see me in person or via Dojo if you have any questions. If you are not receiving messages on Dojo, please come and let me know as this is the main way I will keep in communication with you.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Shaw with Miss Toller, Mr Hancock, Miss Stevens and Miss Bishop

[Class teacher and team of Teaching assistants](#)