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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Blackman Class! I am so incredibly excited for the year ahead and really hope I will be seeing you in and around our classroom throughout the year.

I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer; we are kicking off the year with: 'Dynamic Dynasties'. This project teaches children about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and explores the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today. During our art lessons we will be exploring colour theory by studying the colour wheel and mixing tints, shades, and tones. The children will learn about significant landscape artworks and features of landscapes before using this knowledge to create landscape paintings. R.E. this term focuses on learning about the Qur'an and why it is important to Muslims. The children will know how the Qur'an is treated and some of the key teachings. Science will focus on materials and the creating special effects with mixing, separating and dissolving mixtures.

HOMEWORK:

Homework will continue to be daily, set on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Please may I ask for your continued support with ensuring your children complete these tasks – this will extend the learning that has taken place in school, consequently enhancing deeper understanding. The children need to bring in their homework books every morning as the children will mark their homework alongside a teacher.

READING:

As always, **daily reading** is an essential part of any child's learning, not only will it develop their language, thus improving their writing, but also it supports children's knowledge and development of punctuation. 15-20 minutes a day is sufficient and perhaps encouraging your children to read as part of their night-time routine would guarantee consistent reading.

SPELLING:

The children will be learning spellings 3x per week, during our spelling lessons. They will bring home a yellow spelling book with weekly spellings. These will be tested every Monday morning so please could I ask that you support your child with the learning and organisation of this.

P.E.:

PE is now on a Tuesday afternoon (football) and Wednesday (swimming). Children should come to school dressed for sports on a Tuesday.



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but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18*

MUSIC:

Blackman Class will continue to receive fortnightly flute and toot sessions from the Oxfordshire Music Service; these sessions will cover the National Curriculum. Please do encourage your children to practise their instruments at home.

PUNCTUALITY:

I am always really impressed with the punctuality and organisational skills from the children at the top of the school (remembering swimming kits; homework books, and spelling books): it is vital that they are prepared for the day with the correct equipment.

CONTACT:

As always, I am in school every morning and after school every afternoon except Thursday afternoon and all-day Friday should you wish to see me. If I can help with anything, please do see me. I will always do my very best to support you and your children.

Here's to a fantastic term with Blackman Class - I cannot wait!

Mrs Abberley.

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