



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter break and the children are looking forward to another exciting term! This week we will be starting our new topic 'On the Farm' and after half term we will be learning all about minibeasts with our 'Wriggle and Crawl' topic. Have a look at our Curriculum Overview in the 'Classes' tab of the website to see some of the things we will be doing this half term. We regularly update our class page of the website with news and photographs so please do check this to give you an insight into your child's learning.

Swimming

We will be swimming this half term on **Tuesdays** (the children will be bringing home a letter today). Children should have their swimming kit in school on this day in a large shopping bag, big enough to fit their school uniform, shoes and coat into. Earrings must be removed for swimming lessons and please try to avoid tights unless the children can put these on independently. The children will not need their P.E. kit in school whilst we are swimming.

Forest School

We will be continuing with our Forest School sessions on Thursdays. Please remember the children need a change of clothes for Forest School **every Thursday**. As the weather changes the children may not need waterproof clothes but will still need a change of clothes that they do not mind getting dirty e.g. jogging bottoms and an old coat or jacket. Please bear in mind there are nettles at our Forest School site so children need their legs covered.

Share a story session

We will be holding our next 'Share a Story' session for parents on Friday 12th April at 2.30pm. As before, we are inviting parents come into school for the last half an hour of the day and share a story with their child (one parent per child please). It would be great if you are able to join us, however please don't worry if not as we will continue to hold a few more of these events through the Summer term.

Ash End Farm trip

Please remember our trip to Ash End Farm is on Wednesday 8th May. Children should wear their school uniform and will need a packed lunch. Payment should be made via School Money by Monday 29th April.

Reading and Phonics

Can we please remind parents that children should be reading at home **5 times every week** as well as practising their Phonics flashcards regularly. They do not need to read the whole book, a few pages is fine. We understand that school days are long for our Reception children therefore reading in the morning can work well, or taking it in turns to read a page each if your child is reluctant to read. Reading regularly is a really important habit for your child to get into as they move towards Year 1 and will be vital in ensuring they are able to keep up as our Phonics programme becomes more challenging next year, therefore please support your child in doing so.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask or contact us via our class email reception@woodstone.leics.sch.uk

Kind regards

Miss Clement and Mrs Leaney
Reception Class Teachers

