



# Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to a new school year and welcome to Year 5. I hope you have all had a nice summer and managed to have some sort of break!

I will be teaching the class for 4 days a week (Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri) with the class being taught on Wednesday by Mrs Pimperton. My PPA time is being covered on a Tuesday afternoon. Our teaching assistants are Mrs Sainsbury and Mrs Edwards. Mrs Edwards supports us with the Computing curriculum.

PE times will vary across the year therefore PE kit should be kept in school all week. For the first half of the Autumn Term we will be doing swimming on a Friday and outdoor games on a Wednesday. PE kit needs to be in a drawstring bag that will be kept in the cloakroom. Your child will need trainers, joggers and shorts in school colours, a Woodstone PE T-shirt and a warm top during the winter (school fleeces/jumpers may be worn). Please do not allow your child to wear any jewellery to school except ear-rings (which must be small studs only) and watches. These must be removed for PE lessons. Nail varnish and large headbands / large bows are not allowed and pupils must wear black shoes. Please make sure your child has a coat in school as the weather turns colder or if it forecasts rain.

As part of the homework policy your child needs to read at least 3 times a week for a minimum of 15 minutes a time at home, preferably to an adult; it is advisable that children read a wide range of non-fiction, quality fiction and whole stories. Please make sure the reading diaries are signed as this is how we monitor that reading is happening at home. The diary is an important record of reading in school so it needs to be looked after carefully; please do not allow your child to write on the cover and try to keep the contents neat. If your child encounters a word they do not understand, encourage them to look up the meaning in a dictionary and make a note of the word/meaning in their reading diary. The children will have two reading books:

- a levelled book matched to their reading age
- a library book of their free choice – library books are changed on a Friday.

Other homework will include a weekly task in a homework book and TT Rockstars. Homework is set on a Tuesday and is expected to be completed by the following Monday. I post the weekly task on the school website.

Spellings are practised in class but Year 5 pupils are also expected to begin to spell all the words on the Year 5/6 spelling list; these can be found within the reading diary along with other useful learning



tools. Please feel free to also learn these words at home. We use Spelling Shed in class but your child can also practise these words at home using the website. The log in details are in the reading diary.

Please send a named water bottle, with a sports cap, for drinks during the day which should be filled with plain water only and refilled at home each morning. Stationery is always provided but your child may bring their own pencil cases and stationery. Pencils need to be HB and pens need to be blue. Frixion pens are highly recommended as they are erasable. Please do not send biro. Purple pens are also useful for marking and editing.

Please send a healthy snack for playtime or money for the tuck shop. Please note that crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not allowed at playtime.

It is essential that all belongings are named to enable their easy return.

Our first topic is The Mayans and the curriculum map can be found on the school website under Class 5. Please keep checking for class news as we complete our exciting lessons!

I will be available every morning in Year 5 from 8:45 to 8:55 if you need to quickly mention anything pertinent to the day. If you have concerns that require a longer chat, please make an appointment. You can also contact me on the class email [year5@woodstone.leics.sch.uk](mailto:year5@woodstone.leics.sch.uk).

We also have our Meet the Teacher/TA meeting on Monday at 5pm. This will be a short meeting to talk through learning expectations, routines etc in Year 5 and enable you to put a face to the name!

I hope your child has a happy and successful year and I look forward to working with your support. If there is anything you need to know please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Kennedy  
Class Teacher

