



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Growing together, Learning forever

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for another school year! I also hope the children are as excited about the new term as I am! Year 6 can be a challenging year, but we have lots of great activities, trips, and learning topics planned so I'm positive we'll have a great year!

Reading

We strive for excellence in reading at Woodstone. Regular reading, followed by discussion about what has been read, is essential to develop a child's vocabulary and comprehension skills, and we ask that parents work with us to help the children develop into passionate readers. We ask that Year 6 children read for 20 minutes 3 times a week after school or over the weekend. When your child has read, either with you or independently, please sign and date their reading records each time so that we can monitor their reading (records will be checked every Friday). If children do not complete their weekly reading, then they will make up this reading time during break time on Friday.

Times Table Rock Stars

At Woodstone, we try to provide children with every opportunity to learn and grow. Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) is a fun, engaging learning resource to help children develop their multiplication skills. Like reading, it is important that children play TTRS at home. Playing this game will not only develop times table skills, but also help to boost children's confidence during maths lessons. We ask that Year 6 children play for **20 minutes** a week. If the weekly sessions aren't completed, children will make up their practice during break time. The week's top rock stars will receive dojo points for their efforts!

Homework

Throughout Year 6, I will set homework on a Friday and ask that it be returned by the following Thursday. During the Autumn term, we will alternate between maths and spelling worksheets that compliment our classroom learning. Homework will be set from Friday 1st September. (There will be a break for the class residential).

P.E. & Swimming

This half-term, Year 6 will have P.E. on **Wednesday mornings** with the sports coach. We'll be attending swimming lessons at Hood Park in Ashby on **Friday afternoons**. Please ensure that children have their swimming kits with them on Friday mornings.

P.E. kit must be taken home at the end of the week to be washed, but please ensure it is bought back on Monday morning. It is important that children have their P.E. kit at school all week. This PE kit is an essential part of their uniform as it allows movement to be easier and more comfortable and is also designed to ensure health and safety guidelines are adhered to at all times. Please check regularly that their kit fits (especially footwear) and includes:

- Outdoor: trainers suitable for playground and field, tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie (Woodstone hoodies are now available to order).
- Indoor: pumps, a blue or white t-shirt and blue shorts.

Long hair must be tied up during P.E. lessons. Jewellery must not be worn during P.E. lessons and should be **removed before the children come to school.**

Forest School

Year 6 will have Forest School sessions **after the October half-term**. A letter will be sent out with further details before the half-term break.

Snacks and Drinks

As a Healthy School, we encourage the children to drink water throughout the day and so ask that you ensure your child brings a named bottle of water with them every day; school has a fresh water fountain so they can top it up as necessary. Woodstone's tuck shop is open and healthy snacks are available for your child to purchase.

Staff

Miss Pullinger will be assisting Year 6's learning in the classroom this year and Mrs. Edwards will be helping the children with their Computing lessons.

If you have any questions or problems that you would like to discuss with me then please feel free to speak to me before school begins outside of the classroom, or you can contact me via the Year 6 email. If you would like an appointment then please call the office to arrange this.

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Kind Regards,



Mr. Jerram Brewin

