



# Woodstone Community Primary School

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*Growing together, Learning forever*

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## Maple Class Autumn 1 Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to offer a warm welcome back to school and we hope you had a restful summer break. We are excited to start what we hope will be a fantastic new academic year with your child(ren)! Miss Armston will be teaching in Maple Class this year, supported by Mrs Copley and Miss Davies. Mrs Edwards will also lead our computing sessions throughout the year and Mrs Clinch will lead our cooking sessions in Autumn 1 and Summer 1.

### Welcome Meeting

Please come along to our Meet the Teacher/Welcome meeting on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 5pm**. If you can make arrangements to come without your child that will help the meeting go smoothly. If you have no other child care then they are, of course, welcome to come and sit with you.

### Reminders for returning to school

The children will need to bring their book bag and a named water bottle to school every day. As we approach the wetter, colder weather, please also ensure you check the forecast and send them with a named coat accordingly. They will also need a pair of named wellies to keep in school. Please bring these in as soon as possible so that we can go and explore our forest area. The school kitchen will be serving a choice of three hot meal options as well as a cold sandwich option at lunchtime which will be available free of charge for children in Key Stage 1 as part of the Universal Free School Meals Scheme. Children can also bring sandwiches from home if they wish.

### P.E.

This half term we will be focussing on ball skills in PE. These lessons will be on a Thursday afternoon, starting 4<sup>th</sup> September. Children will need their indoor and outdoor PE kit for these lessons and kits should stay in school all week, in case of any possible timetable changes. This includes –

**Outdoor P.E. Kit:** trainers suitable for the playground and field, blue or black tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, blue or black sweatshirt (school hoodies are available to order)

**Indoor P.E. Kit:** pumps, blue or white t-shirt, blue shorts. **No jewellery** will be allowed to be worn for P.E – any child with earrings will need to have these removed at home on days when P.E. will take place.

**Please also ensure all kit is labelled with their name!**

### Forest School

Our other focus this half term will be on Outdoor and Adventure Activities, which we will cover within our Forest School sessions. This half term the children will be visiting the Forest on a Tuesday afternoon (starting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September). Children's Forest School kit will need to be in school on a Tuesday morning. Children will need waterproofs (jackets and trousers or all-in-one suit) and wellies (to stay in school – as mentioned above). Layers are needed to go under the waterproofs. We advise children to wear leggings/jogging bottoms.

Please ensure arms and legs are covered to avoid stinging nettles! **Please also ensure all kit is labelled with their name!**

### Homework

Each Friday your child will bring home one piece of Maths homework in their homework book. This is to be completed and returned to school by the following Friday, which we will mark together in class. Dojos will be awarded for completed homework.

Children are also required to read at least 5 times per week. We also strongly suggest you read to your children too as this is so beneficial to them. Please ensure any reading at home is recorded in your child's reading diary.

Please also continue to regularly practise spellings and phonics at home.

### Library

Our class library sessions will be on Monday mornings this half term. Your child will have the opportunity to choose a new library book as part of this session. These books have a clear barcode on the inside of the front cover. Please ensure children have their library book in their book bag every Monday in case they wish to borrow a new book.

### Sherwood Forest

As you may already know, every year, children in Year 2, have a short residential to Sherwood Forest. We did our first visit way back in 2006 and Year 2 children have been every year since (except during Covid). We have already got the dates in for this year's class – Thursday and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026. We will be holding a parent meeting for parents on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 5:30pm**

### Curriculum

Please take a look at our class 'Curriculum Overview' with information on what the children will be learning this half term. This can be found on the school website, under Maple Class.

Please also regularly check the school website for updates.

The contact email for Year 2 is [year2@woodstone.leics.sch.uk](mailto:year2@woodstone.leics.sch.uk) - please feel free to email us with any questions or concerns you may have; alternatively, our door is always open at the beginning or end of the day!

As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Miss Armston and the Year 2 Team