



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter holiday and were able to spend lots of happy times with family and friends. Miss Pullinger and I are pleased to welcome the children back for their final term of Year 4 and Miss Willett who will be re-joining us to complete her Beginning Teacher studies. Together, we will endeavour to ensure that all the children have the best opportunities to build on the progress they have already made so they feel more confident to face the challenges of Year 5.

Over the next two half terms we will be basing our studies on themes '**Anglo-Saxons**' and '**Rainforests**'; you can find a detailed map of the subjects we will be covering on our school website on the Year 4 class page in 'Curriculum Overviews'.

PE this first term will be on Monday afternoons (with our PE coach Mr Youles) and Friday afternoons. PE kit must be taken home and washed at the end of each week but please ensure they have their full PE kit with them when they return to school on Mondays. **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, blue or black tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, sweatshirt.

Indoor: pumps, a blue or white t-shirt and blue shorts.

Jewellery, including earrings, must not be worn in any PE or swimming lessons and if possible should be removed before the children come to school. Long hair must be tied up.

Just a reminder that this term the children will take their government statutory assessment **Multiplication Check** and so now really do need to be secure on **all their times tables up to 12 x 12**. Again, I have included the following link to give you guidance about the test so please have a look at it. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents-text-version--2>

In order to prepare the children in school, we will continue to complete a Multiplication Challenge against the clock and practise Times Table Rock Stars in the ICT Suite each week to help build their knowledge and speed of recall. To enhance this, we continue to ask that they practise on Times Table Rock Stars at home too for at least **30 minutes over the course of the week**. They will also have either a piece of written maths homework or some spelling work to help support their work in school. We learn new spellings in class every week and the children



are expected to know all the words on the Year 3/4 spelling list by the end of the year; these can be found within the reading diary along with other useful learning tools so please try to practise them as well as the weekly words.

Reading continues to be a key focus in school and, as I'm sure you agree, it's definitely one of life's fundamental skills. In order to support the work we do in school, we ask that you hear your child read for 15 minutes at least 3 times per week, whatever their ability. Reading regularly to and discussing the content of the books with an adult develops children's comprehension skills and your help with this really does make a big difference to their success. Hearing you read too is a fantastic way to enhance their love of reading as well so please try do this as part of your reading time together. Please sign and date their reading diary, making a note of anything you think I should be aware of to help them further. The children are rewarded with Dojo points for achieving their reading targets each week.

We will continue to develop our ukulele playing skills under the expert guidance of Mr Davis, our specialist music teacher from the Leicestershire Music Service. Please ensure that they remember to bring their ukulele in for the lessons every Wednesday afternoon.

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. As the tuck shop remains closed, please ensure that your child has a piece of fruit or other healthy option to eat at break time.

As always, we in school and you at home are 'a team' and am sure that as we work together all the children will continue to build on the progress they made last term so they can achieve their full potential across and beyond the curriculum. If you have any questions or queries at any time, please feel free to contact me via the class email - year4@woodstone.leics.sch.uk - or come and see me either before or after school.

Many thanks for your support this year,

Susie Williams
Year 4 Teacher

