



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. We would all like to say a huge thank you for the lovely Christmas cards, presents and good wishes we received and hope that you all enjoyed some family time and fun this Christmas. We hope the children are looking forward to another busy and exciting term. Please remember to have a look at our class page on the website where you'll see our curriculum map detailing the curriculum content for this half term, along with regular photo updates of some of the things we've been doing in class.

The teaching staff/days will remain the same as before Christmas with Miss Daley teaching Monday-Wednesday and Miss Clement teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Moore will continue to support the children in class every morning and Miss Tyrer will be supporting groups on a Tuesday afternoon.

We will continue to develop our music and ukulele playing skills this term under the expert guidance of Mr Trueman every Wednesday afternoon. This half term we will also be swimming on Tuesday afternoons.

Diary dates

Here are a couple of important dates for your diary:

- Monday 9th February – Jewry Wall trip
- Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February – Parents Evening
- Friday 13th March – Cedar class Golden Book assembly

Reading and homework

Just a reminder that Year 4 pupils are expected to know **all their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year** and there is a government statutory assessment on times tables at the end of Year 4. The following link gives you guidance about the test:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents-text-version--2>

Please remember that children are expected to complete **30 minutes of TTRS** over the course of the week. This gives us really valuable, up-to-date information about the children's current understanding of each times table and helps us to identify where they need support so please help us in encouraging your child to complete this at home. In addition, the children bring home **one short piece** of Maths or grammar homework and should also read **at least 3 times per week**.

We noticed a number of children not completing their homework and reading tasks towards the end of the Autumn term and would really appreciate your support in ensuring your child has completed everything each week. The children are rewarded with Dojo points for achieving their reading and homework targets each week; those who don't will spend time completing these at lunchtime.

As mentioned, we will be swimming on a Tuesday afternoons and our other PE session will be an outdoor hockey session on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their outdoor PE kit in school which should include:

- **trainers suitable for playground and field, blue or black tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, sweatshirt.**
- **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.**

As we are expecting some cold weather, please ensure your child also has a hat and gloves in their PE kit so they can comfortably join in with lessons.

Classroom equipment

We have noticed a significant increase in children bringing unnecessary equipment with them to school. Items such as 3D printed animals, stuffed toys and fidget toys are causing an unnecessary level of distraction within lessons and causing the children's desks to become very cluttered. We are, therefore, asking parents to not let children bring them to school aside from concentration aids which are provided by school for children who need these. If unnecessary equipment is seen to be in school and distracting children from their learning, they will be confiscated until the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

As always, we aim to work collaboratively between school and home. If you have any questions or queries at any time, please feel free to contact us via the class email – year4@woodstone.leics.sch.uk - or come and see us either before or after school.

Kind regards,

Miss Daley & Miss Clement
Cedar Class Teachers