



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

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

This year, the class will be taught by Mrs Warnock all day on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Pimperton will teach on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We will be supported in certain lessons by Miss Pullinger and she will also be running interventions some afternoons. Together we strive to support your children to reach their potential in Year 5.

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 PE on a Friday with Mr Kendrick and outdoor PE on a Monday. 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 / 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. This term, homework will set on a Thursday and is expected to be completed by the following Wednesday. We 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 and it is recommended that children use this to further practise their weekly spellings at home.



Please send a 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. All stationery will be provided so at this stage, we ask that children **do not** bring in their own pencil cases. Children may bring in a named **blue** friction pen to be kept in class.

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 clothes 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 Birch Class. Please keep checking for class news as we complete our exciting lessons!

We 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 us on the class email year5@woodstone.leics.sch.uk.

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

Mrs Warnock & Mrs Pimperton
Class Teachers

