



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Growing together, Learning forever

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and that the children are excited about and ready for their first term in Year 5. I know that I'm looking forward to teaching them again so hopefully we'll all have a brilliant year and make lots of progress as the new 'Team 5'!

Over the next two half terms we will be basing our studies on the Imaginative Learning Projects (ILPs) "Pharaohs" and "Star Gazers"; you can find a detailed map of the subjects we will be covering on our school website under the 'Curriculum News' and 'Curriculum Overview' tabs.

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons but please ensure they have their full PE kit in school every day so we can take advantage of any other opportunities that arise. **This PE kit is an essential part of their uniform; not only does it allow movement to be easier and more comfortable but it's also designed to ensure health and safety guidelines are adhered to at all times. Please ensure that their kit fits (especially footwear) and includes:**

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

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

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

As you know, regular reading and discussion about the content of the book/story is essential for helping to build and develop children's comprehension and inference skills. To help support the work we do in school, we ask that you hear your child read at least 5 times per week, whatever their ability. Please then sign and date their reading diary, making a note of anything you think I should be aware of to help them further. For every session of this the children miss, they will have 10 minutes of reading in Golden Time.

Maths homework, either a worksheet or computer-based activity, will be sent home each week and it will have a return date on it. It will reflect and build on the learning we are focusing on in school and again is a fantastic way of building skills and confidence. To complement the ILP work we do, each half-term the children will have a choice of activities to complete based on the ILP. They will have at least 4 weeks to complete it but can return it sooner if they wish. We will then share their work with the rest of the class and upload photos to our class website page so everyone can enjoy seeing what they have learned/created. Please remember that any incomplete or below standard homework will need to be completed during Golden Time.



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. Every break time the tuck shop will be open so a small amount of money will be needed if they wish to buy from there.

Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Hooton, Mrs Edwards, Mr Colver and Mr Mullins (our new French teacher!) will be working with me in class to help support and enhance the children's learning, and Mrs Barker will be our lunchtime supervisor.

On Tuesday 3rd September I will be hosting a 'meet the teacher' session at 3.20pm to talk through everything that the children and you can expect this year. I hope you can come but if not I will always be available to discuss any issues regarding your child's progress or how they have settled in so please feel free to come in or contact me via the office. As many of you know, I consider myself, the children, the adults in class and you as 'quintessential parts of a team' and am sure that as we work together all the children will continue to build on the progress they made last year so they can achieve their full potential across and beyond the curriculum.

Regards,

Susie Williams
Year 5 Teacher

