



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Woodstone! We hope you've had a lovely summer and the children have been looking forward to returning to school. This year your child will be taught by myself on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and by Mrs Leaney on Tuesdays. In class the children will be supported by our Teaching Assistants Miss Hollingsworth and Mrs O'Neill.

We have a very busy and exciting year planned and will be starting our learning with our Imaginative Learning Project 'Dinosaur Planet'. After half term we will be finding out about lots of four-legged friends with our 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic. Please have a look at our Year 1 curriculum map on the 'Class Pages' tab on the school website to see some of the things we will be doing this half term. Also keep an eye on our Year 1 class page throughout the term for regular updates about what we have been doing in class as well as any letters relating to our class.

Transition from Reception to Year 1

We aim to ensure the children's transition from our Reception class into Year 1 is as smooth as possible. This year in particular we will be spending the first few weeks focusing on settling the children back into school routines and expectations and ensuring they are happy and comfortable within the classroom environment. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. All subjects within the National Curriculum will be taught from the start of the year, including Maths, English, Science, Art, Design and Technology, Computing, History, Geography, Music, PSHE and P.E. However, learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on.

Reminders for returning to school

The children will need to bring their book bag and a named water bottle to school every day. The school kitchen will be serving a choice of two hot meal options as well as a cold 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. They will select their lunch option in the morning when they arrive at school (don't worry, there are plenty of adults on hand to ensure the children make the right choice!).

Forest School

Your child will be taking part in weekly Forest School sessions however as we have our sessions with Sports Coach this half term, Forest School will start after half term.



P.E.

- This half term our P.E. days will be Tuesday and Thursday, however please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school **all** week as our P.E. day may change. They will be sent home each Friday to be washed.
- 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
Indoor P.E. Kit: pumps, blue or white t-shirt, blue shorts
- Earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons – please ensure your child is able to do this themselves, or that earrings are removed before coming to school on P.E. days.

Reading and 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 Thursday. It is, however, really important that your child also reads regularly at home. We ask that you hear your child read at least 5 times per week and comment in their reading diary. We will keep a record of your child's reading at home and will be continuing with the Reading Raffle that the children are familiar with from Reception. The children will also be bringing home sound cards and 'tricky word' cards to practise regularly at home.

Hearing your children read **AND** reading to them is one of the most important things you can do to help them at school. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together. There is also statistical evidence that shows children who read a lot perform better in school tests and exams as they move up the school.

Please remember that we operate an open-door policy here at Woodstone and really value the partnership we build with parents. Feel free to contact us if you have any queries either via a telephone call to the school office or an email to our class email account year1@woodstone.leics.sch.uk. We will also be at the top of the steps on the playground each morning.

Kind regards,



Miss G. Clement and Mrs C. Leaney
Year 1 Class Teachers