



# Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to a new school year and welcome to Year 4. I hope you have all had a nice summer and managed to have some sort of break!

I will be teaching the class for 4 days a week (Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri) with the class being taught on Wednesday by Mrs Leaney. My PPA time is being covered on a Thursday afternoon. Our teaching assistants are Mrs Sainsbury, who the children already know, and Mrs Broster. Mrs Sainsbury is also our midday supervisor.

The music lessons this year will be playing a brass instrument, taught by a specialist music teacher from the Leicestershire music service. Each child is loaned an instrument through the music service - more details will be sent out soon. Once the instruments start going home, please ensure your child brings it to the lesson every Wednesday.

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 gymnastics on a Wednesday and outdoor games on a Friday. 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. Other homework will include a weekly piece of maths, which may be TT Rockstars. Homework is set on a Tuesday and is expected to be completed by the following Monday. I post the weekly task on the school website. If homework is not completed, then children will have to complete their tasks at playtime.

Please be aware 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 now a government statutory assessment on times tables at the end of Year 4. We have a weekly times tables test that builds up their recall and practising tables for the test is part of



their homework. Spellings are practised in class but Year 4 pupils are also expected to know how to spell 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. Please feel free to also learn these words at home.

Please send a named 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. Stationery and hand sanitizer will be provided so please do not send any pencil cases. Please do not let your child bring in any toys, teddies, etc. as it invariably causes problems.

Please send a healthy snack for playtime or money for the tuck shop from next week. Please note that crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not allowed at playtime.

Our first topic is Roman Britain and the curriculum map can be found on the school website under Class 4. As part of our topic, we are having a Creative Learning session about the Romans from the museum service. Please keep checking for class news as we complete our exciting lessons! We need kitchen rolls for our first DT project so please start collecting and bringing them to school.

I will be available every morning at the top of the steps by Year 4 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 me on the class email [year4@woodstone.leics.sch.uk](mailto:year4@woodstone.leics.sch.uk).

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

Mrs Kennedy / Mrs Leaney

Class Teachers

