



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to Year 6 for what I'm sure will be an exciting year for both your child, their classmates and all of us involved! I am pleased to let you know that our creative curriculum topics for the Autumn Term will be 'Gallery Rebels' and 'A Child's War' (please look at the Curriculum News Page of the website under Curriculum overviews to see a copy of the topic web). Through our lessons, we will be developing the children's skills in the following subjects and topics:

- English – We will be using our topic as inspiration to write a variety of genres including: narratives, biographies, poems, newspaper reports and letters.
- Maths – this half term we will be working on: number and place value, mental/written addition and subtraction, mental/written multiplication and division, problem solving and algebra and converting measurements.
- Science – the science topics we will be covering this half term will be Light, Electricity and Living Things and Their Habitats.
- Computing – Mrs Edwards will be supporting the children in developing their ability to create spreadsheets and to code.
- PE – We are beginning the year with playing tennis on a Wednesday afternoon and swimming every Friday afternoon.
- D&T – We will be getting the opportunity to create different sculptures for an art exhibition!
- History – We will study some influential artists through history as well as learning about the Mayan Civilisation.
- Music – Our music lessons will be taught through our topic and we will be attempting to create expressionist and abstract music.
- PSHE – We will be learning all about diversity and communities, as well as what it means to be part of a family or friendship group.
- R.E – We will be learning about the topics 'What do religions say to us when life gets hard?' and 'Is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architectures or in charity and generosity?'
- French – Mr Mullins will be teaching the children French every week to develop their knowledge of the French language,

As mentioned, we will commence swimming lessons immediately this half term, starting Friday 6th September. Children will need to bring their full swimming kit with them. Our in school PE lessons will be on a Thursday afternoon and children will need both an indoor and outdoor PE kit for these lessons. **I do like the children to keep their PE kit in school all week though so we can change/have additional lessons if the theme/weather/etc allows.** Their kit should include:



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

Indoor: pumps, a blue or white t-shirt (preferably a Woodstone PE t-shirt) and blue or black shorts.

Jewellery, including earrings, cannot be worn for any PE/swimming lessons and if possible should be removed before the children come to school.

Homework

During the Autumn term, I do not like to give the children too much to do at home. There will be one piece of maths work a week, either a paper exercise or an online activity on Abacus for which your child will have a log in. This year I really want to place a big focus on reading too. Therefore, it is expected that your child reads at least 5 times a week, and that this gets recorded in your child's reading diary, signed by an adult. It is preferable that you read with your child to discuss the book, but I appreciate that this is not always possible. Your child will earn Dojo Points for reading and may lose Golden Time if they have not read enough.

For each new topic there will also be a piece of My Choice homework for your child to complete. This will be a more creative piece of homework to do with the current topic. A letter will go home with details of the homework task, along with when it is due in.

As a Healthy School, we encourage the children to drink plenty of water throughout the day and so ask you to ensure your child brings a named bottle of water with them every day. The school has a fresh water fountain so they can top it up as necessary. **Children in Key Stage Two do not receive fruit at playtime** so snacks will either need to be provided from home (please ensure these snacks are healthy- crisps and chocolate bars are not allowed) or bought from 'The Tuck Shop'; a selection of different healthy snacks are available at very low prices so the children only need to bring a small amount of money with them.

Mrs Hooton will be working in class with the children every morning throughout the year. As a team, we are looking forward to helping them all settle in and develop successfully.

Year 6 is obviously a very important year. We will be working hard with your children to prepare them for the forthcoming SATs in May and will expect your children to put hard work in too. However, I also aim to make this year an exciting and memorable final year at primary school for your child and will do what I can to make their Year 6 experience enjoyable. If there are any issues you would like to discuss with me regarding your child either now or at any point please don't hesitate to come in or to contact me via the office.

Kind regards,

Miss Beckie Daley

Year 6 Teacher

