



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Growing together, Learning forever

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to offer a warm welcome to Year 6 for what 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 website 'class page' 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. We will also be focusing on different spelling, grammar and punctuation skills discretely which the children will be encouraged to apply to their writing.
- Whole Class Reading- the children will be introduced to a different text type each week and will focus on different reading skills (VIPERS) to answer questions about it.
- Maths – this term we will be working on: number and place value, mental/written addition and subtraction, mental/written multiplication and division, fractions and geometry (position and direction).
- Science – the science topics we will be covering this term will be Light and Living Things and Their Habitats.
- Computing – this term we will be looking at how to use and produce spreadsheets and coding in our computing lessons with Mrs Edwards.
- PE – we are beginning the year with swimming every Friday afternoon.
- Art- through our topic we will be studying famous artists and art pieces while exploring our own art skills through different mediums.
- D&T – We will be getting the opportunity to create different sculptures for an art exhibition!
- History- this term we will be learning about the Early Islamic Civilisation and then World War II in our next topic 'A Child's War'.
- Geography- we will be studying 'Our Changing World' and 'Trade and Economics' in our geography lessons.
- Music – we will be exploring 'Pulse' and 'Voice' this term.
- PSHE – We will be learning all about our rights, rules and responsibilities when it comes to being a good citizen.
- 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 – we will be starting with the topic 'This is France!' where we will learn some new useful French phrases, like asking for directions.



As mentioned, we will commence swimming lessons this half term on Friday 3rd September. Children will need to bring their full swimming kit with them. As swimming takes up a whole afternoon, we will not be having a set second session of PE each week. However, please can children keep their PE kits in school in case the opportunity arises for us to have an extra session!

Outdoor: trainers suitable for playground and field, tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, sweatshirt/hoodies (hoodies are now available to order).

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

Up until October half term, the only homework the children will receive is to read their chosen books for AT LEAST 3 x 20 mins sessions each week. However, we are aiming for the children to read at least 5x per week for 20 minutes a time.

We will also be setting Times Table Rock Stars homework each week for the children to complete. This will be 30 minutes over the week. Homework will be set on a Friday and checked the following Friday. If children do not complete the homework, then Dojo Points will be lost which in turn can affect their Golden Time!

After October half term the children will receive SATs revision books which they will complete for homework.

Your child is encouraged to bring a water bottle(with water in it!) to school with them which they can fill up throughout the day. You can also provide them with a snack for break time or a small amount of money for tuck shop.

Both of us are very excited to share this journey in Year 6 with your child. Miss Daley will teach on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Miss James a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Hooton will be working in class with the children every morning throughout the year and some afternoons. Mrs Hickin will also be supporting the class during the week. Our lunchtime supervisor is Mrs Platts. As a team, we are looking forward to helping them all settle in and develop successfully this year.

Year 6 is obviously a very important year, even more so now after the couple of years the children have had due to the pandemic. Our first priority is always to ensure your child is happy and settled at school; if you have any concerns about your child feeling anxious or concerned please do come and let us know! As you may have seen in the news, all exams will return next year and this does include SATs. We will be working hard to prepare the children for these and will expect your children to put hard work in too. However, we also aim to make this year an exciting and memorable final year at primary school for your child so will plan lots of different activities for them to take part in. If there are ever any issues you would like to discuss with either of us regarding your child, either now or at any point, please don't hesitate to come in or to contact us via the office.

Kind regards,

Miss Daley & Miss James

Year 6 Teachers

