



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Growing together, Learning forever

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for another school year! I also hope the children are as excited about the new term as I am! The first year of Key Stage 2 can be challenging, but I'm positive that we'll have a fantastic year and make lots of progress in Year 3!

Over the next 2 half terms we will be basing our studies on the Imaginative Learning Projects (ILPs) "**Tribal Tales**" and "**Mighty Metals**"; you can find a long-term teaching plan and detailed curriculum map of the subjects we will be covering on our school website under the **Curriculum Overview** tab on the Year 3 section of the website.

Reading

As you are aware, we strive for excellence in reading at Woodstone. Regular reading, followed by discussion about what has been read, is essential to develop a child's vocabulary and comprehension skills, and we ask that parents work with us to help the children develop into passionate readers. Therefore, Year 3 children must read for 10 minutes 5 times a week after school or over the weekend. Parents must sign and date their reading records each time they read with them. If children do not complete their weekly reading, then they will make up this reading time during break time on Friday. More information on supporting your child's reading at home can be found on the '**Letters**' tab on the Year 3 section of the school website.

Times Table Rock Stars

At Woodstone, we try to provide children with every opportunity to learn and grow. Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) is a fun, engaging learning resource to help children develop their multiplication skills. Like reading, it is important that children play TTRS at home. Playing this game will not only develop times table skills, but also help to boost children's confidence during maths lessons. We ask that Year 3 children play **10 times** a week, games are a minute long so that means playing for 2 minutes a day after school. If the weekly sessions aren't completed, children will make up their practice during break time. The week's top rock stars will receive dojo points for their efforts! More details on how to use TTRS can be found under the **Letters** tab on the Year 3 section of the school website.

Homework

Until the October half-term, children are expected to focus on their reading and TTRS practice as homework. After the half-term, maths homework, either a worksheet or an online 'Purple Mash' activity, will be set each Friday and is expected to be returned on the following Thursday. It will build

on the learning that we are focusing on in class and is a great way for children to develop their understanding and confidence.

P.E.

P.E. will be on **Friday afternoons**. P.E. kit must be taken home at the end of the week to be washed, but please ensure it is brought back on Monday morning. It is important that children have their P.E. kit at school all week. This PE kit is an essential part of their uniform as it allows movement to be easier and more comfortable and is also designed to ensure health and safety guidelines are adhered to at all times. Please check regularly that their kit fits (especially footwear) and includes:

- Outdoor: trainers suitable for playground and field, tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie (Woodstone hoodies are now available to order).
- Indoor: pumps, a blue or white t-shirt and blue shorts.

Long hair must be tied up during P.E. lessons. Jewellery must not be worn during P.E. lessons and should be **removed before the children come to school.**

Forest School

Whilst in Key Stage 2, children at Woodstone enjoy Forest School sessions in half-term blocks. The Year 3 class will be taking part in Forest School sessions on **Thursday afternoons** until the October half-term. Their first session will be next week, on September 2nd. Please ensure that your child has their Forest School kit with them on Thursdays.

Snacks and Drinks

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. Woodstone's tuck shop will reopen again soon and Year 3 children will be able to purchase healthy snacks during break times.

Staff

Ms. Pullinger, Mrs. Broster, and Mrs. Edwards will be working with me throughout the year to support and enhance your child's learning. We have welcomed a new member of staff this year, Miss Fry will be Year 3's lunchtime supervisor.

If you have any questions or problems that you would like to discuss with me then please feel free to speak to me before school begins outside of the classroom, or you can contact me via the Year 3 email. If you would like an appointment then please call the office to arrange this.

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Kind Regards,

Mr. Jerram Brewin

Year 3 Class Teacher