



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Growing together, Learning forever

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a wonderful summer spent doing many happy things as we've begun to return to 'normal'. I also hope that the children are excited about beginning their first term in Year 5; I know that I'm looking forward to teaching them. I'm sure that we'll all have a brilliant year and make lots of progress as the new 'Team 5'!

We obviously start this year in a different way to usual with our residential trip to Aylmerton. I know that we'll have lots of fun as we begin our learning journey together and I'm really excited about getting to know the children in a new environment; I hope that they are too.

On our return to school we will be basing our studies this term on the Imaginative Learning Projects (ILPs) "**Time Traveller**" and "**Stargazers**"; you can find a detailed map of the subjects we will be covering on our school website on the Year 5 class page in 'Curriculum Overviews'.

PE will be on Thursday and Friday afternoons until half-term and then on Mondays and Fridays until Christmas. PE kit must be taken home and washed at the end of each week but please ensure they have their full PE kit with them when they return to school on Mondays. **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, blue or black tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, sweatshirt.

Indoor: pumps, a blue or white t-shirt and blue shorts.

Jewellery, including earrings, must not be worn in any PE or swimming lessons and if possible should be removed before the children come to school. Long hair must be tied up.

The children will have the key skills of times tables and reading to focus on for their homework. They will have 30 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars each week to help build both their knowledge and speed of recall for problem solving. To help support the reading work we will be doing in school, we would like you to hear your child read for 15 minutes at least 3 times per week (more if possible), whatever their ability. Reading regularly to and discussing the content of books with an adult are essential for helping to build and develop children's skills and your help with this really does make a big difference to their success. Please sign and date their reading diary, making a note of anything you think I should be aware of to help them further.

They are rewarded with Dojo points for achieving their reading targets each week but for every 'home adult read' missed, they will have catch up time, either at break/lunchtime or in our Golden Time sessions.

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. The tuck shop will be open at break so a small amount of money will be needed if they wish to buy from there. If not, please ensure that your child has a piece of fruit or another healthy option to eat.

Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Hickin, Mrs Hooton and Mrs Edwards will be working with me in class to help support and enhance the children's learning, and Mrs Barker will be our lunchtime supervisor.

As many of you know, I consider myself, the children, the adults in class and you as 'quintessential parts of a team' and am sure that as we work together all the children will continue to build on the progress they made last year so they can achieve their full potential across and beyond the curriculum.

Please remember that we operate an open-door policy here at Woodstone and really value the partnership I talked about in the previous paragraph. 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 year5@woodstone.leics.sch.uk. We will also be at the top of the steps on the playground each morning.

Kind Regards,

Susie Williams
Year 5 Teacher