



# Woodstone Community Primary School

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*Growing together, Learning forever*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Many thanks for the lovely cards, presents and good wishes I received; hopefully you were all as lucky as I was! I'm sure the children are raring to go to build on the progress they made last term, and I hope they'll enjoy learning lots of new things through our next Imaginative Learning Project (ILP) "**Alchemy Island**". You can find a detailed map of the subjects we will be covering on our school website.

We will be swimming on Tuesdays **after** half-term but this term our PE sessions will be on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school all week though so we can move lessons around to fit in with the weather conditions.

**PE kit is an essential part of their school uniform; not only does it allow movement to be easier and more comfortable but it's also designed to ensure health and safety guidelines are adhered to at all times. Please ensure that their kit fits (especially footwear) and includes:**

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

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

**Jewellery, including earrings, cannot be worn in any PE or swimming lessons and long hair must also be tied up.**

We shall continue to encourage the children to read to you at home on **at least five occasions per week** and will reward those children who do. Many of the children are now reading more than five times which has helped them to make improved progress, so a big thank you for your help with this. Please remember to ask questions/discuss what has been read to further develop and enhance the children's comprehension/inference skills. Finding out the meaning of new or difficult words will help to develop their overall vocabulary and enable them to include new/more sophisticated language in their writing. Please sign and date their reading diary so it is clear when they have read to you.

Maths homework, either a worksheet or computer-based activity, will be sent home each Friday and it will need to be completed by the following Thursday. It will reflect and build on the learning we are focusing on in school and again is a fantastic way of building skills and confidence. To complement the ILP work we do, each half-term the children will have a choice of activities to complete based on the ILP. They will have at least 4 weeks to complete it but can return it sooner if they wish. We will then share their work with the rest of the class and upload photos to our class website page so everyone can enjoy seeing what they have learned/created.

In Year 5, the children have the opportunity to take part in 'Bikeability' if they wish to. This is a split session course spread over 5 days and involves learning how to ride safely on the road. More details will be sent once the dates are confirmed but the children will need their own bicycle and a helmet, both in good working order.

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. Every break time the tuck shop will be open so a small amount of money will be needed if they wish to buy from there. Please remember that snacks from home should not include crisps or chocolate as we continue our drive to encourage and support healthy eating options.

A gentle reminder that children should be in school uniform unless otherwise instructed. This includes 'proper' black school shoes and not trainers. It also includes bows in hair which should be small and discrete.

Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Hooton and Mr Colver (reading support) will be working with me in class to help support and enhance the children's learning and, once again, Mr Mullins will be teaching the children French during my PPA time.

As you know, I place a great deal of value on team work and the relationship between myself, the children and you so please remember that my door is always open if you wish to discuss anything.

Finally, as I said before, all the children are making progress and by maintaining their positive attitude to learning they will continue to be 'Focussed Achievers and Believers', or as they call themselves, 'FAB' Year 5s!

Regards,

Susie Williams  
Year 5 Teacher