



Woodside Church Of England Primary School
Summer Term Information to Parents
Holly Class



Meet the Year 1 team!

Class teacher: *Mrs Clifford*

Teaching Assistant (am)/(pm-intervention support): *Miss Moss*

Teaching Assistant (pm): *Mrs Marsh*

Parent Helper: *Mrs Sadler* (Tues/Thurs am)

Lunchtime Supervisor: *Mrs Klucis*

Welcome back (again!)

It has been a very strange start to the year again, however we are now fully open and can only hope that school life continues to maintain some sort of routine for the rest of the year. This letter is to inform you about what will be happening in Year 1 over the last term and will remind you about some of the routines and expectations.

Moving on!

Time is racing along and before we know it the children will be leaving for the summer holidays. I know from speaking to many of you during lockdown, you were very worried about how much learning the children had lost from both this and their Reception Year and how this will affect their move on into Year 2. With this in mind we are putting some strategies into place to address these issues.

- We have increased staffing support in Year 1 throughout the whole day.
- The class will be split for Literacy, Phonics and Reading in the morning to create two smaller groups. This will allow us to support the children more closely. Teaching will be shared with our Year 3 teacher, Mrs Beales, who has extensive experience working in Year 1. The children will rotate between myself and Mrs Beales on a weekly basis so that I have a full overview of how the children are progressing.
- The classroom now has a more formal layout in preparation for their movement into Year 2. The children will be learning how to work more independently and to complete tasks to a good standard before being able to choose their own learning.
- Children will now be having their snack time outside at playtime.



Topics for this half term

English: Linking learning to aspects of Shakespeare's Hamlet e.g. potions, castles, Kings and Queens/Instructional writing-how to grow.../Out and About Poems.

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and mental arithmetic such as number bonds to ten and twenty and skip counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Geography: Investigating our street Computing: Coding Science: Plants

PSHE: How to be a good friend PE: Games-Hitting, catching and running

Homework

It is vitally important that your child completes their homework especially as we lost learning time through various lockdowns. Your support at home is *invaluable*.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY-there are changes to the current arrangements.

We would really appreciate that homework books, reading books and reading record diaries are looked after carefully to encourage the children to take a pride and responsibility in their belongings. Written work should be completed by the children in pencil as they would at school.

Reading books

The children will bring home a new reading book on a **FRIDAY**. This book **MUST** be read **5** times a week. You **MUST** sign or comment in the yellow reading record book every time your child reads to you. This will now be closely monitored and checked every week. If this homework is not completed children will have to make up this time by reading in class during playtimes. Parents will be contacted if this continues to happen.

Reading books **and** reading records **MUST** be handed in on **FRIDAY MORNING** for the books to be changed. We will **NOT** be changing books during the week if they are not returned on a Friday. Any reading books that are lost or damaged will incur a charge for a replacement book.

Spellings

The children will bring home spellings on a **MONDAY**. They **MUST** practise their spellings at home throughout the week. It is expected that they should be getting at least 80% correct each week. The spelling book **MUST** be returned the following Monday so that we can check the homework has been completed and new spellings can be added into their book. The spelling test will take place on Monday.





English/Maths

These will be sent out on alternate weeks on a **THURSDAY** and should be returned the following Thursday so that we can check the homework has been completed.

PE

PE day is **TUESDAY**. The children should still come to school in their PE kit as we are unable to allow children to change in school. PE will mainly take place outdoors. Please remember to **LABEL** all parts of the kit-especially hoodies that may be taken off during the day. Girls with long hair should have it tied up and hooped earrings should not be worn for health and safety reasons. In the warmer weather your child will need to wear a cap and wear sunscreen.

*Please remember to check that all of your child's uniform is **CLEARLY** labelled. We are happy to try and help locate jumpers and cardigans but this can be an impossible task if they do not have your child's name on.*

Book bags

To help look after homework books it is really important that your child brings in a small book bag so that items can be transferred between home and school.

Drinks

As the weather gets warmer it is important that your child brings their own water bottle to school. We have had children not having a water bottle in class and although we have spare cups, which are washed up after use, we would prefer them to have their own bottles because of the pandemic. Milk is only given to children for free up to their 5th birthday. If your child would like milk then you need to contact www.coolmilk.com to subscribe.

Please let us know if your child has not received their milk at school and we can see if we can help but please be aware we only give milk to children whose names are on a list sent to us each week from cool milk.

Biscuits

The children can have a biscuit at playtime, in addition to their free piece of fruit. Biscuit money is 50p per week or £6.00 per term.

Finally, we have been very proud of how well Holly class have settled back into school and would like to thank you for continued support now and during the lockdown. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to telephone school or send an email to lynne.clifford@heartwoodmat.co.uk or school's admin email address.

The Year 1 Team.

