



# Woodstone Community Primary School

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## Year 1 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable half term break and the children are looking forward to another busy term in Year 1. We are moving on to our 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic this half term – have a look at the 'Curriculum Overviews' tab on the 'Classes' page of our website to see what we will be doing over the next few weeks.

We are writing to let you know a couple of changes for this half term regarding our timetable, as well as homework and reading.

### P.E. lessons

This half term our P.E. lessons will be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Both lessons will be outdoors therefore it is essential that your child has a full outdoor P.E. kit in school including a t-shirt, jogging bottoms, a jumper/hoodie and trainers. Please note that pumps are not suitable for outdoor P.E. sessions and earrings must be removed by the children themselves or before coming to school on these days.

### Forest School

We will be starting our Forest School sessions on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. These will then continue weekly on Thursdays. As our session will be first thing in the morning, the children need to come to school wearing their Forest School kit with their school uniform in a separate bag to change in to after the session. They will be coming into the classroom when they arrive at school please ensure they do not come in muddy shoes – they can leave their wellies on our welly rack at school and change into these before we go to the woods. Please bear in mind we will be in the woods for 2 hours therefore children need to be appropriately dressed in warm layers, waterproofs, gloves and a hat. They also need a bag large enough to fit their Forest School kit in to after the session.

### Homework

Now that the children have settled back into the school routine we will begin sending home weekly homework starting this week. The children will bring home one piece of Maths homework in their 'home learning' book every Friday which will either be linked to our current Maths topic or reinforce key Mathematical concepts such as number bonds and place value. Please support your child in completing this and returning it to school by the following Thursday.

### Phonics

This half term we will be progressing on to Phase 5 Phonics which involves learning alternative spellings for the sounds already learnt in Reception alongside a new set of 'tricky' words. As discussed at Parent's Evening, the children will undertake a Phonics Screening in June 2020. In the absence of our usual parent workshop which explains more about this process and more importantly how you can support your child at home, we have produced a Powerpoint which talks through what to expect. We will send home the new sounds and 'tricky' words on flashcards as we learn them. Please support your child in practising these regularly at home.



Remember to keep checking the 'Class News' tab of our class page on the website to see regular updates of some of the things we have been doing in school this half term.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.  
Kind regards

Miss Clement and Mrs Leaney  
Year 1 Class Teachers

