



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Woodstone! We hope you've had a lovely summer and the children have been looking forward to returning to school. This year your child will be taught by myself on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and by Mrs Leaney on Wednesdays. In class the children will be supported by our Teaching Assistants Miss Pears and Mrs O'Neill.

We have a very busy and exciting year planned and will be starting our learning with our Imaginative Learning Project 'Dinosaur Planet'. After half term we will be finding out about lots of four-legged friends with our 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic. Please have a look at our Year 1 curriculum map on the 'Class Pages' tab on the school website to see some of the things we will be doing this half term. Also keep an eye on our Year 1 class page throughout the term for regular updates about what we have been doing in class as well as any letters relating to our class.

Transition from Reception to Year 1

We aim to ensure the children's transition from our Reception class into Year 1 is as smooth as possible. This year in particular we will be spending the first few weeks focusing on settling the children back into school routines and expectations and ensuring they are happy and comfortable within the classroom environment. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. All subjects within the National Curriculum will be taught from the start of the year, including Maths, English, Science, Art, Design and Technology, Computing, History, Geography, Music, PSHE and P.E. However, learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on.

Reminders for returning to school:

The children will need to bring a pencil case to school along with their book bag (or a bag small enough to fit in their drawer). They will also need their named water bottle and, if possible, a small, named bottle of hand sanitiser.

The school kitchen will be serving a choice of two cold meal options at lunchtime which will be available free of charge for children in Key Stage 1 as part of the Universal Free School Meals Scheme. Children can also bring sandwiches from home if they wish.

Forest School

Your child will be taking part in weekly Forest School sessions however these will start after half term.



P.E.

- Please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school **all** week as our P.E. day may change each week. These will be sent home each Friday to be washed.
- Outdoor P.E. Kit: trainers suitable for the playground and field, blue or black tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, blue or black sweatshirt
- Indoor P.E. Kit: pumps, blue or white t-shirt, blue shorts
- Earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons – please ensure your child is able to do this themselves, or that earrings are removed before coming to school

Reading and homework

There will be no homework set for the first few weeks of term whilst the children settle back into school. It is, however, really important that your child regularly reads at home. We ask that you aim to hear your child read at least 5 times per week and comment in their reading diary. We will be continuing with the Reading Raffle that the children are familiar with from Reception. The children will also be bringing home sound cards and 'tricky word' cards to practise reading regularly at home.

Please remember that whilst we are currently discouraging parents from coming into the school building we do operate an open-door policy here at Woodstone and really value the partnership we aim to build with parents. Please 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 year1@woodstone.leics.sch.uk. I will also be at the top of the steps on the playground each morning.

Kind regards,

Miss G. Clement and Mrs C. Leaney
Year 1 Class Teachers

