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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer holiday. Hopefully, your children are refreshed and full of energy for the busy and exciting term ahead. I look forward to getting to know the Year 5s and welcoming back our Year 6s.

This term, Woodies' Class will be busy exploring, discovering and learning, covering a range of topics and subjects. They will also be expected to act as good role models to the younger members of the school by setting a good example and making sensible choices. Year 6s are given the responsibility and privilege of taking-on various jobs around the school, which I know they are very eager to undertake.

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Miss Storey, who will be teaching PE. I know the children are very excited to have her back. Mrs Cook will continue to work with the children, every Friday, teaching them comprehension, spelling, mental maths, times tables and Science.

Below, outlines some of the things that I ask the children (with your support) to focus on:

Reading

We ask that all children read as regularly as they can. In order to help them with this, I shall, initially, be setting the children daily or weekly targets. For some children, there is a huge reluctance to pick up a book and I have found that targets enable them to engage more successfully with this. Regular reading really benefits the children and helps them to develop their comprehension and vocabulary skills. It would also be very helpful if you could support this by encouraging them to complete their targets, signing this off once it is completed.

I will be checking their Home Contact book, each Tuesday.

Spelling

Spelling lessons are on Friday, which will be the day that the spelling test is given. On this day, a new list will be given out for them to learn, ready for their test on the following Friday. Each year group will be given a different set of spellings to learn, which fall in line with the National Curriculum statutory spelling standards. Some children will be given a reduced number of spellings to focus on and learn, depending on their learning needs. Again, we ask for your support with this; encouraging your children to learn these, as frequently as they can.

Times Tables

This is a very important part of their learning, as it is the foundation that children will build upon in order for them to tackle all areas of maths.

They will also need to be secure on learning the inverse of their tables. For example: $6 \times 5 = 30$ $30 / 5 = 6$ $30 / 6 = 5$.

On Friday, they will be working on their Times Table Olympics, which will enable them to move up levels and see the progress that they are making. The children will be awarded a certificate, when they have completed each phase.

Homework

We all strive to do our best, as we live, love and learn together

Year 6: English homework will be set on a **Friday** and will be due in on the following **Friday**.

Year 5 and 6: Maths homework will be set on a **Thursday** and will be due in on a **Monday**.

The homework that is set will usually bear relevance to what has been taught and covered in the week. It is important that homework does not become a battle or a worry for the children. If you find that they are struggling, please encourage your child to come and see us (before it is due in) and we can go over this with them.

PE : Please come to school wearing your PE kit.

This will take place every Friday morning.

We would be very grateful if all children come to school wearing the appropriate kit.

-white T-shirt

-red shorts

-socks

-black/navy joggers, as the weather becomes colder.

-trainers or black daps

*Children are allowed to bring in a roll-on deodorant, if they wish.

Please could the children bring a small hand sanitiser to have on their desk.

I think it is prudent to keep up with this practice as it makes for a hygienic and safe environment to work in. It also prevents the spread of coughs and colds throughout the class.

I thank you, in advance, for your support, working hand-in-hand, to help the children in their learning journey.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or questions.

I am looking forward to an exciting year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs I. Phelps

Class Teacher