

# Woodside Church Of England Primary School

## Termly Information to Parents

### Year 5 AUTUMN TERM



Welcome to Cherry Class! We hope that the information included here will help you to know what is planned this term and how you can best support your child.

#### Reading

The ability to read confidently and competently is key to future success and at Woodside we continue to strive to develop this skill as well as create 'a love of reading' within our pupils. All children are therefore expected to read at home at least five times a week - at least 10 pages at a time - and we ask that you sign their reading diaries to show this (to be checked on a Friday). ***Please do not sign their diary if they have not read—you are not helping your child reach their potential if you do!*** It is important that children continue to read aloud to an adult as well as reading to themselves. Please don't underestimate the value of this - children gain so much from the discussion that goes with this shared activity.

#### PE

Our PE slot is on a Thursday. Children will be expected to come into school in their kit and return home in it. Where possible, PE sessions will take place outside so as the days become colder, you may wish to send your child in wearing tracksuit bottoms and not shorts.

#### KS2 classes Tuck Shop

There is no tuck shop this term but children can bring in a piece of fruit for break-time.

#### Homework

Homework will be given out and expected back in as follows:

Maths - set on a Friday, to be handed in the following Wednesday

Spelling - set on a Friday, to be tested the following Friday.

Literacy (mainly SPAG) - set on a Friday, to be handed in the following Wednesday.

#### Design and Technology

The last week of this half term will be a project week with a design and technology focus. Having investigated, analysed and evaluated a range of existing products, children will go on to design and make a reusable bag to help reduce the use of plastic.

#### Geography

Mapping skills will be developed in this subject. Pupils will practise their compass skills; use six figure grid references to pinpoint places on an ordnance survey map; and identify human and physical features linked to geography.

Finally, at our school, we are fortunate enough to have teachers who each specialise in different subjects. In order to utilise their expertise to develop all children's learning, there will be occasions where the class teacher does not teach the class. On a Monday morning, Mr Lavis will be teaching Year 5 Science and on a Tuesday afternoon, IT. On a Wednesday afternoon, Miss Mills will be teaching the class RE and on a Thursday afternoon, she will teach PE.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the office.