

Woodside Church Of England Primary School

Termly Information to Parents

Year 3/4
Autumn Term



Welcome to Chestnut 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 or a chapter depending on which is achievable- 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

PE will continue to be on a Friday afternoon until **Thursday November 5th** when it will change to a Thursday due to us having a cricket instructor coming in. If you could send your child into school in their P.E kit on the day of their P.E lesson that would be great. Reminders will be sent home to help with that!

KS2 classes Tuck Shop

There is a change to the tuck shop this year. There is no Tuck shop for the foreseeable future due to Covid-19. Children are welcome to bring a piece of fruit in to have at breaktime instead.

Homework

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

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

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

We will alternate weeks on sending home maths and literacy just so the books can be quarantined in school for the recommended 72 hours before being sent out again. Any questions surrounding homework or if you find your child struggling with it please do let me know and we can look to resolve this issue.

Theme

This term your child will be studying geography. To begin with they will be looking at Map reading using OS survey maps as well as globes, atlases and roadmaps.

Assessments

Teachers carry out ongoing assessments all the time and adjust their teaching/lessons to ensure that children are understanding what is being taught. In addition to this the children sit more formal 'tests' each term so that we can see how well they have understood and can remember what has been taught.

In the autumn term these tests in reading, maths, spelling punctuation and grammar (SPAG) and writing have already taken place. This was for us to use these as a basis for a gap analysis to see where we as teachers need to pitch our lessons to help recover the teaching and learning time we lost last year.

Meetings

Obviously at the moment I will not be seeing much of you as parents at the beginning and end of the day so if you have any queries or questions at all either ring the school office and I will call you back or alternatively, email my school email at chris.langley@heartwoodmat.co.uk and I will reply in due course.

Mr Langley