

Woodside Church Of England Primary School

Termly Information to Parents

Year 6
Autumn Term



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 Thursday). **Please do not sign their diary if they have not read.** It is important that children continue to read aloud to an adult as well as reading to themselves- children gain so much from the discussion that goes with this shared activity.

PE

Our PE day is Friday. This term we will be focusing on hockey and handball. Each day, we will also have an 'exercise blast' - pupils do not need kit but if they may wish to keep a pair of trainers in school.

Homework

Homework will be given out and expected back in as follows:
Maths - set on a Friday, to be handed in the following Thursday
Spelling - set on a Monday, to be tested the following Friday.
Literacy (mainly SPAG) - set on a Friday, to be handed in the following Thursday

Themes

This term we are focusing on Geography and Design technology. Our weekly geography lessons will be building skills linked to mapping and our DT project, at the end of the term, will be to create moving models using electrical circuits.
Our PSHE theme this term is 'Me in my world' and through our literacy we will be learning about the circulatory system (linked to the Malorie Blackman novel, Pig Heart Boy). As part of this learning, we will be examining and dissecting some animal hearts!

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.
We have just completed the Year 5 Summer term's assessments in reading, maths, spelling punctuation and grammar (SPAG) in order to give us a realistic starting point and identify gaps in learning due to the Lockdown period.

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 Tuesday Mr Lavis will be teaching Year 6 Science, French and Computing. Thank you for your continued help and support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see your class teacher.

Miss Smallwood