

Learning to Make a Difference

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year at Woden Primary and a very exciting time for your child beginning Year 1. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday.

As you are aware, times have been challenging over the last few years but we are hopefully moving towards a more settled time. We will be maintaining the arrangements that were in place in the Summer term for the first few weeks of the term, including handwashing and staggered starts and ends of the day. For further details, please see the Covid arrangements letter previously sent to parents in July which is available on our school website here: <https://www.wodenprimary.org/coronavirus-advice/>

We will inform you of any changes as soon as possible.

The Year Group is made up of two classes:

Class 3 – **Mrs Everitt**

Class 4 – **Miss Thiara**

Additional Teacher – **Ms Chauhan**

Year 1 Teaching Assistants are: **Mrs V Williams and Mrs A Williams**

As in Year 1 pupils will remain in their class for the majority of lessons, with the exception of phonics (including spelling and handwriting), for which they will be grouped and may change teacher/classrooms. They will be informed of their teacher for phonics in lessons later this week.

We have a number of online learning sites for our children to access at home which staff will provide login details for at the beginning of this term. This will help children to apply Maths and English skills based on their learning during the past weeks. We also expect pupils to read their school book regularly and discuss the story and characters. Learning number bonds and times tables is also essential for their Maths work in school and activities may be set to support this.

Children should arrive from **8.40am** each morning through their assigned entrance and should then go straight into their class after washing their hands. Registration is at **8.50am**. Any late pupils after this time **MUST** follow correct procedures and enter through the school office.

As always, we continue to expect high levels of behaviour and attainment at all times. Class Dojo will be used to reward children for excellent behaviour and effort throughout the year.



In **English** this term we will be focusing on stories with familiar settings and personal experiences during Narrative Units as well as writing labels, captions and instructions during Non-Narrative Units. We will also be reading and writing simple poems using our senses. Throughout these units we will be focusing on learning grammar and punctuation.

In **Maths** our focus will be on Number followed by Addition and Subtraction. We will also learn to use money, read time, name shapes, use basic measurement units and simple fractions. It is important that the children know and can quickly recall their number bonds to 10 – something which can be practiced at home regularly!

The topic this term is **Marvellous Me**. The **Science** objectives concentrate on the Human Body including Our Senses. During **Art** sessions, children will learn how to create their self-portraits and during **D.T** lessons they will also design and then make their own photo frames. **R.E** this term focuses on Christianity - Prayers from stories of Jesus. Children will also become Treasure Hunters and Painters to develop their **Computing skills**. There will be additional directed sessions on laptops and iPads linked to the curriculum. In **Humanities** this term the children will be learning all about me, which covers where they live and their local area.

PE days for Year 1 are **Monday and Tuesday**.

Please ensure your child arrives at school in the **correct PE kit** (White T-shirt, Blue Shorts / jogging trousers and trainers) and a reminder that no jewellery should be worn during PE sessions.

We look forward to a very enjoyable year full of learning and progress. If you have any questions/queries now or throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact us by leaving a message on Class Dojo or contacting the school office.

Many thanks,

Year 1 Team

