

Year 6 Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6!

As your child begins their final year at Woodside, we recognise what an important milestone this is. Our goal is not only to support them in developing the key skills needed for their KS2 SATs in May, but also to prepare them for the transition beyond Woodside. To help build their independence, we will be encouraging them to take greater responsibility for bringing the necessary equipment to lessons and managing their own learning. Children are expected to have their house PE top and black shorts/ tracksuit bottoms in school at all times.

Our Topic this half term will be 'Our Body'.

English & Maths: We will focus on the story 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman in the first half term. Children will learn to write diary entries and explore the features of narrative texts and poems. Our grammar focus will be on word classes, sentence types and using a range of punctuation. In maths, children will focus on place value, the four operations and begin to solve more complex problems. There will be an emphasis on arithmetic skills and methods for different operations.

Social Investigation: In history, children will build on their knowledge of periods in history, learn how crime and punishment has changed over time in Britain and find out about the development of the police force from the Victorian period right through to the new millennium. In geography, children will be studying the continent of South America.

Music: Children will be taught by Mrs Hayes, our specialist music teacher, and will be looking at rhythm, beat and pace.

Art: Children will look at the elements of art including line, colour, shape and texture. They will then use their skills to create pieces of artwork linked to both our crime and punishment and our bodies topics. They will use a variety of mediums including: paints, oil pastels, marbling, sketching and watercolours.

PE: When participating in indoor PE, the children will be focussing on fitness training and further developing their skills in a range of invasion games. In outdoor PE, the children will be learning netball and developing their skills in basketball.

MFL: We will be revising and revisiting previous work looking at everyday phrases in Spanish. The children will be gaining the knowledge and skills to talk about the subjects they like and dislike at school (along with a justification) and at what time/day they study various subjects. This will then be extended to include what they like to do at the weekend.

PSHE: We will be looking at how they can keep healthy as they grow including looking after themselves, becoming independent and learning about taking more responsibility.

Science: This term the children will build on their knowledge and understanding of different systems within the body. They will research the parts and functions of the circulatory, digestive and skeletal systems.

RE: This term the children will be looking at how different religious and spiritual ways of life teach us about hard times, including dealing with death and grief.

ICT: Children will continue to develop their touch-typing skills and gain a better understanding of webpages and the use of IP addresses.

We look forward to having a fun and successful year with the children!

Miss Roberts, Miss Edwards and Mrs Glover

