

# Welcome to Upper Key Stage 2

## What we are learning

During this half term we will be learning all about the environment. We will learn...

- **as geographers** to understand how we can protect our environment.
- **as writers** to write classic narrative poems, recounts and narratives.
- **as scientists** to explore animals including humans and how our internal organs function.
- **as mathematicians** to solidify and expand our knowledge of place value up to 7 digit numbers.
- **as artists** to explore a variety of techniques used when creating drawings.
- **as a religious expert** to explore how Muslims and Sikhs view the world.
- **as athletes** to develop our skills in handball.
- **as computer technicians** to understand E-safety and how we can remain safe online.



## Homework

Homework will be set on a weekly basis, each child will be assigned a task on MyMaths, a SPaG task and given weekly spellings. In addition, children will be expected to read at home and record their reading sessions in their reading journal. Daily reading is essential to developing a child's Literacy skills and therefore we encourage you to listen to your child read for at least 15 minutes. Finally, each half term a homework menu will be provided with 9 tasks for the children to complete with the expectation that 1 is completed a week. Please either bring in your completed tasks or email them directly to your class teacher.

## Reading challenge

As mentioned in the homework section, at Westwood we hold reading in a very high regard and want to do everything we can to encourage children to read at home. Therefore, this year we are starting an inter-class reading competition between years 3,4,5 & 6. Each week the classes will go against each other to see which class can read the most. The class that reads the most by the end of each half term will receive a fantastic reward!

## Meet the team

**Miss Bircham** – Hi I am the Year 6 class teacher this year. I love going out to eat with family and friends and enjoy time walking on the beach (especially if ice-cream is involved). I'm excited to get to know you all and start a new school year!

**Mrs Barrett** – Hi I am a HLTA working in Year 6 and I have been at Westwood for 6 years now! When I'm not in school I love gardening, dog walking with my boxer dog Bella and spending time with my family.

**Mrs Goodyear** - Hi! I'm a TA working in Year 6 this year and have been working here for 20 years! That means I have probably taught some of your mums and dads! Outside of school, I like getting out into the countryside to look at nature and do some birdwatching. I'm also an avid reader and enjoy travelling to see new places.

**Mr Taylor** – Hi I'm the Year 5 class teacher for this year. This is now my 2<sup>nd</sup> year teaching at Westwood. Outside of school, I enjoy walking my 2 French bulldogs, going on my paddle board and playing football.

**Miss Thompson** - Hi I'm a TA in Year 5 and have been at Westwood for over 15 years. I love going for walks and watching my son's motor-racing.

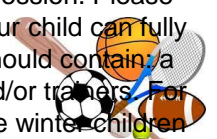
**Mrs Egan** – Hi I am a TA in Year 5 and have been working at Westwood for 10 years. In my spare time I enjoy watching motorbike racing and spending time with my 3-year old grandson.



## PE days

Children will be taking part in one outdoor PE session this half term and one Woodland School session. Please ensure PE kits are in school so that your child can fully participate. A reminder that PE kits should contain a white t shirt, black shorts, plimsolls and/or trainers. For outdoor sessions particularly during the winter children may also like to bring black tracksuit bottoms and a black sweatshirt. Please name all items of clothing to avoid any mix ups and items going missing. Any earrings will need to be removed on these days or covered with tape. For Woodland School, children will need to bring a pair of welly boots, spare pair of trousers or wet weather gear. Please ensure all Woodland School clothes (including welly boots) are named.

Year 5 will have PE on a Wednesday and woodland on a Friday. Year 6 will have PE on a Wednesday and Woodland on a Monday.



## Routines

Please ensure that children come to school each day with their named water bottle, book bag, reading book and reading record books.

Later this year, each class have a weekly library slot where they will be choosing a book to borrow. Each week, the books will be changed so please ensure that your child has their book with them ready to bring back on their library day. (Please see timetable)



If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher via email (email addresses below). Furthermore, you can book an appointment to talk directly to your teacher after school via the office. Everyone in Year 5 & 6 at Westwood is extremely excited to get back into school and teaching again. We cannot wait to support your child's learning and education and see all the wonderful progress they make this year!

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Westwood Primary School  
Year 5

	8:35 -	8:55 -	9:15 -	10:15	10:30	10:45 -	11:00 -	1:00 - 2:00	2:00-3:00	3:00-3:15	
	8:50	9:15	10:15	10:15	10:30	11:00	12:00				
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Mon	Guided Reading	Maths	Assembly				Literacy (SPAG)	DERIC	Science	PSHE	Story
Tues	Guided Reading	Maths	P L A Y T I M E				Literacy	DERIC	Geography		Story
Wed	Guided Reading	Maths					Literacy	PE	Music	DERIC	Story
Thurs	Guided Reading	Maths					Literacy	Art	Computing	DERIC	Story
Fri	Guided Reading	Maths					Literacy	Woodland	R.E.		Story

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Year 6

	8:35 - 8:55	8:55 - 9:15	9:15 - 10:15	10:15 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00			
M o n	Guided Reading			Maths	Grammar	SPAG	L u n c h t i m e		
T u e s	Guided Reading			Maths	Grammar	LITERACY	DER IC/G ram mar/ Fast 3	Science	PSHE
W e d	Guided Reading			Maths	Grammar	LITERACY	DER IC/G ram mar/ Fast 3	Music	P.E.
T h u r s	Guided Reading			Maths	Grammar	LITERACY	Geography		
F r i	Guided Reading			Maths	Grammar	LITERACY	Art		
							Computing		