



# Welcome to Upper Key Stage 2

## Meet the team



**Mrs Kounnas-** I am Key Stage 2 Lead for Westwood and Grove. My favourite subject is Geography. I can't wait to see all of the fabulous learning you do this year.



### **Miss Fayers -**

Hello, I am very excited to join the Westwood team after working at Grove Primary School for the past two years. Outside of school, I love to go on adventures with my crazy dog called Tilly and I enjoy reading too. I can't wait to see what the children in my class achieve this year!



### **Mrs Goodyear -**

Hi everyone. I'm really looking forward to being in Year 6 again this year. There'll be so many things to learn and get involved with leading up to moving on to high school. I've had a great summer doing lots of my favourite things. These include swimming in the sea, watching wildlife, reading more books than I can count and pottering in my garden.



### **Mrs Ball -**

Welcome back! I have been at Westwood for almost a year now and I am thrilled to be undertaking my Teacher Training this year. I love filling my home with beautiful plants and am happiest when I'm spending quality time with my family and pets - especially my hilariously odd rescue dog, Nala!



### **Miss Trussler -**

Hello! I am so excited to be joining the Upper Key Stage 2 team at Westwood after completing my teacher training last year. Outside of school, I love to read and enjoy all things creative. I am so excited for the year ahead!



### **Mrs Longthorne -**

I've worked at Westwood Primary as a TA for 6 years and this will be my third year in Year 5. I am a Norwich City football fan and regularly visit Carrow Road to watch their games. I also enjoy reading and spending time away in our caravan.

# What we are learning



**As geographers** we will be investigating the sustainability of the chocolate trade. We are going to be developing our map skills and exploring human geography including trade links and economic activity.

**As scientists** we will be exploring how light travels in straight lines and we will conduct research into how shadows are cast.

**As writers** we will be taking inspiration from the wordless graphic novel 'The Arrival' to write our own narratives. We will also be creating news broadcasts later on in the term.

**As readers** we will be reading, enjoying and discussing our novels in our whole class reading sessions. We will also be reading non-fiction, songs and poetry.

**As mathematicians** we will be developing our understanding of place value, the four calculations and fractions over the Autumn Term.

**As artists** we will be creating work inspired by Gustav Klimt. The unit will involve creating an artist study to identify Klimt's art style which will lead to us creating collages inspired by his work.

**As musicians** we will be creating a mini musical performance about the effects of the slave trade in a West African village.

**Computing** – our unit is based on creating and using spreadsheets and learning how we can use formulas to calculate the cost of events.

**PSHE** – Our sessions are all about 'Being my Best'. We will explore the 5 ways to well-being.

**PE** – This term, we will be learning how to play Hockey. We will be revising and developing our defending skills whilst working together and communicating as a team.

**Religion and Worldviews** - In these sessions we will be exploring how religion brings peace to conflicts. We will be looking closely at the religions of Christianity and Islam.

**Woodlands** – this term we will be creating environmental art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and will be creating natural collages.

## Homework

- Children will be set a spelling activity on Edshed each week which will link to the spellings they are being taught in class that week.
- Children will be asked to read daily (10 minutes each night) that will help towards the school reading challenge. Please make sure that children bring their books in every day
- Children will be asked to log in to Times Table Rock Stars every week and practise their times tables for at least 20 minutes over the week
- Children will get a homework menu to choose an activity linked to our curriculum too which you can choose each week.



## PE days

Children will be taking part in one woodland and one outdoor PE session this half term. Please ensure PE kits are in school at the **beginning of each week** so that your child can fully participate. A reminder that PE kits should contain: a white t shirt, black shorts, black/grey jogging bottoms, plimsolls and/or trainers. For woodlands sessions particularly during the winter children need to bring a spare pair of clothes, welly boots or wet weather gear. Please name all items of clothing to avoid any mix ups and items going missing. Any earrings will need to be removed on these day.

## Routines

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

Every class has 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.



If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to firstly chat to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day so that we can support with these. Alternatively, if you require any further support please contact **Mrs Kounnas**, Key Stage 2 leader, who will be happy to assist you with any queries you have. We look forward to working alongside you this year to support your child's education this year.