



Woolenwick Junior School

Year 5 Newsletter: Spring 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you and your family have had an enjoyable holiday and that your child is ready and refreshed for learning, looking forward to the term ahead.

Each class has chosen a class book to read and our class text is *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. Where possible we will encompass different areas of our curriculum and link it to our book. Overleaf, you will see the subjects the pupils will be learning about and how you can help your child at home, as this is all part of working together and developing their learning experiences.

Staff Working with Your Child

These are the following teachers and other adults who will be working with your child:

Teachers	Support Staff
Mrs Julie White – Quartz Class Mrs Tracey Brotherton – Jade Class Mrs Mary King – Jade Class Miss Katie Higgins – Jade Class	Mrs Debra White (TA) Mrs Kathleen Darby (TA) Mrs Jenny Hepton (SEND support) Mrs Cheryl Geary (SEND support)

Reminders

As always, excellent attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress.

PE lessons are on **Thursday** afternoons. Please ensure that your child has a suitable kit (refer to the uniform expectations) and that it is brought in at the start of each half-term ready for the lessons.

Uniform - please ensure that your son/daughter is in full school uniform at all times. We ask that all items of uniform are clearly labelled so that if items get lost they can be easily returned.

Water bottle - all children must have a labelled water bottle, filled up from home each morning, that is brought to school. This should only have water in it, although fresh fruit and ice is permitted. Please note that squash/cordials are not allowed.

Home Learning

Reading - Children will be expected to read a minimum of 5 times per week and record this in their reading log. Reading books and logs need to be in school every day.

Spellings – These will be sent home each week on a Monday (spelling sheet and attached game) and need to be practised at least three times a week at home, and the sheet/game returned the following Monday. Children will need to learn rules and spelling patterns and these will be tested on the Monday after they were given. Grammar activities may also be sent home.

Maths - Complete up to 10 games of Times Table Rockstars per week. If you do not have access to a computer or other technology please let me know and the sheets can be sent home instead.

Learning Activity - This will be based around one of the topics children are learning with links to English and Maths. The activity will be sent out at the beginning of the half-term, to be completed before the end of the half-term. More information on the activity will follow very shortly.

Marvellous Me – App.

Already have a MarvellousMe Parent account?

Check you have installed the latest version of the MarvellousMe Parent app, and are logged in. You can reset your password, and add children by tapping 'Add Child'.

New to the school?

If your son/daughter was new to the school this year you will be sent a letter explaining how to create a MarvellousMe account. Marvellous Me is a light-touch app that our teachers will use to share wonderful news with you about your child's/children's learning and skills development.

The MarvellousMe Parent app is free, fun and simple to use. It will help you to:

- Have a meaningful conversation with your child about their school day.
- Continue your child's learning and practice topics that they've done in class.
- Celebrate and reinforce their successes and positive behaviours.

You can find out more at www.marvellousme.com. We think you will love it!

Clubs

Lunchtime clubs will continue as last term. If your child already participates in an after school club these will start next week, 14th January.

Dates for Your Diary

These can be found in the School Newsletter out next week.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this term's learning and how to support your child please feel free to speak to us at the end of the day, where we are more than happy to help.

We look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Julie White, Mrs Tracey Brotherton, Mrs Mary King, Miss Katie Higgins

Year 5 Class Teachers