

In Class 5 we are currently all aged 8, 9 and 10 years old and are part of the 'middle school' at Woodfield. We continue as previous classes to further develop our independent skills and confidence through all areas of the curriculum, this underpins everything we do. Our teachers are very committed to the 'destination – led' learning ethos of our curriculum at Woodfield.

We develop our self – help skills including our own personal care routines which includes brushing our teeth, washing and putting on deodorant. We learn functional skills in class as well as in the wider community, for example walking out in the community to visit the park, learning road safety along the way. We learn to use and develop our own individual communication systems that support us through different activities throughout the school day. We look forward to integration twice a week with class 6, when a small group of pupils from two local mainstream school visit us and we get to learn to work collaboratively, playing and learning together having lots of fun!

Class 5 enjoy active learning, some of us love to start the day with physical activity and this helps to get us ready to learn. Some of us complete a sensory circuit in the 'Zone' to help us to self-regulate so we are able to learn effectively throughout the school day. Big book is one of our favourite sessions, sharing a story together, learning new vocabulary, learning to respond to questions and make comment about the story. We particularly like to dress up as the 'big book' characters and role-play the story. We love our weekly cooking sessions in the 'Cookery room' where we learn to be independent in cooking skills such as spreading, peeling, cutting and mixing, as well as mathematical skills such as counting, reading and listening skills, such as reading simple recipes and following simple instructions. We work hard on being independent and learn to tidy away in the cookery room, wipe the tables and wash and dry up, which will help us be more independent as we grow. We also thoroughly enjoy our creative based activities such as photography, collage and painting; we have had great fun learning to work together on collaborative art projects. We love to join in music sessions playing and singing along with the ukulele as well as learning 'Makaton signs' to songs!