



## Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break. It is lovely to have welcomed the children back to school. I am very much looking forward to working with them and getting to know them. Year 3 marks the start of Key Stage 2, where an extended curriculum provides new opportunities for learning, and expectations are high, with a greater emphasis on independence. We have an exciting year ahead of us!

Here is an outline of our curriculum up until the Christmas break.

<u>Maths</u> Number: Counting, ordering and estimating, recognising place value Addition and subtraction: Mental strategies and formal written methods Multiplication and division facts Problem solving involving all of the above	<u>Literacy</u> Stories. Recounts. Information texts.
<u>Science</u> How far can you throw your shadow? What happens to the food we eat?	<u>Computing</u> Internet safety. Word processing. Coding Internet searches.
<u>RE</u> Does taking bread show someone is a Christian? Is light a good symbol for celebration?	<u>History</u> Who first lived in Britain? Why were the Romans so powerful and what did we learn from them?
<u>PE</u> Tag rugby Gymnastics	<u>Art &amp; DT</u> Colour wheel Colours & patterns Cave Painting / Mosaics / Celtic patterns
<u>Music</u> Recorder	<u>French</u> Greetings & introductions Counting to 10 Family

## Homework

Reading Ideally your child should read every night, and a minimum of 3 times per week, aloud to an adult. It is important that you continue to hear your child read aloud and spend some time talking with them about what they have read. Please use their Reading Record to make a note of their reading, and sign and date this. There is no need to write a long comment each time. Reading Records will be checked weekly.

Spellings New spellings lists are given out on Tuesday, each week to be learnt for the following week. Each list will have a particular focus sound, or spelling rule. Your child should be able to tell you what this is! I will post the spelling list on Google Classroom for reference. Your child should complete the corresponding assignment on the Spelling Shed website, using their existing login details.

Times tables Daily practice of times tables facts is essential. Please note especially that the corresponding division facts for each table must also be learnt. The TT Rock Stars website is a useful resource regular for practice. Begin by refreshing recall of the 10s, 5s and two times tables. Our next focus times tables in class will be the 4s, then 8s.

A fortnightly cycle will be used for Maths and English homework. Week 1 will be set on Google Classroom which your child can self-evaluate. On Week 2 of this cycle, a hard copy of a maths and English activity will be sent out in their homework books to do. This should be returned to the teacher on the days specified below for marking.

**Maths** will be issued on a **Monday** and will be expected in **Thursday**.

**English and Spelling** will be issued on a **Tuesday**. English homework will be due in on **Friday** and a spelling test will happen the **following Tuesday**.

Note: Login details for Mathletics, Spelling Shed and TT Rock Stars are all identical and are the same as you used last year.

## PE

Our PE days are Monday and Friday this term. As you will have read in the whole school guidance, on PE days, children should come to school already dressed in their PE kit and trainers. We will be outdoors on Fridays, so warm tracksuit bottoms would be appropriate as the weather gets colder; and indoors for gymnastics on Mondays.

*Coats:* Please send your child to school with a coat every day, as the children will be taken outside for playtimes even if it is wet.

Trip: We have a fantastic class trip to Ufton Court planned for 21<sup>st</sup> October. I will of course send further details nearer the time.

Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me. If it is a quick question, it is probably best to catch me on the playground after school, or for non-urgent enquiries, my school email is [jsalt@kidmore-end.co.uk](mailto:jsalt@kidmore-end.co.uk) Alternatively, as explained in the school's new communication policy, please contact Mrs Heffer in the school office to arrange an appointment to meet with me.

I look forward to working with you all.

With best wishes,

Mrs Salt