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Dear Parents

Welcome to our school! We hope you and your family had a fun and relaxing summer and are looking forward to an exciting first term. We have two focus topics this term. In Term 1 we will be discussing ourselves and celebrating what it means to be unique. We will read and explore a range of stories to support this including *Rainbow Fish* and *Elmer*. In Term 2, we will focus on different cultures, celebrations and Festivals including Diwali and Christmas, and reading the book *The Birthday Invitation*.

Prime Areas of Learning

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical development
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discuss stories including stories about starting school and linking to our topicsDiscuss Circle time rules.cafe role play and role play related to our topics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Focus on settling in, feeling safe and secureGames and activities to learn namesCreate a class promiseManaging feelings and behaviours in different situations e.g playtimesActivities linked to our termly values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strengthening hands ready for writingUnderstand how to stay healthy by washing hands, eating healthy food, etc.

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding of the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rhyme and alliterationRetell and sequence storiesGive meanings to marks madeEarly writing skillsPhase one and phase 2 of phonics programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sorting and matchingBegin to represent numbers using fingers, paper or pictures.Counting 0-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Learn names of staff and childrenUse senses to describe things e.g. fruit.Talk about different cultures and celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Learn some new rhymes and movements.Use a range of materials to explore and design e.g. playdough/paint/clay

Circle time will take place daily, giving the children the opportunity to talk about and share something about their day if they would like to. We love to hear about a 'wow' moment from home and this can be recorded in the reading records or sent in an email. PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays and this will start straight away. Kit needs to include outside trainers, jumper and tracksuit bottoms/leggings or shorts. PE continues

outside, if possible, whatever the weather! **Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE Kit on Wednesdays and Thursdays.** They will stay in their kit, so they do not need to get changed afterwards.

Key Dates

Meet the teacher:	Tuesday 14 th September 2021
Henley Literary Festival visit:	Thursday 7 th October 2021
Henley Literary Festival virtual reading:	Friday 8 th October 2021
Parents' Evenings:	Monday 18 th and Tuesday 19 th October 2021

Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to ask. We can only deal with quick queries before school but will usually have more time after school. Alternatively, you may email: khinnel@kidmore-end.co.uk or leave a message with Mrs Heffer in the school office.

I am really looking forward to getting to know your children and sharing in their learning journey this year.

With best wishes

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