



Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. We hope you and your family have had a lovely, relaxing summer holiday. We are looking forward to an exciting new autumn term.

Year 1 is an important year for your child as they consolidate their prior learning and progress on from Foundation. We will be encouraging your children to become more independent and responsible for their own learning this year. This will include bringing in all they need each day and concentrating on their key reading skills each week.

P.E will be inside on a Wednesday morning and outside on a Thursday afternoon. P.E. kit needs to include outside trainers, jumper and tracksuit bottoms/leggings as on Thursday P.E. will be outside as far as possible. **Please make sure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on Wednesday and Thursday.** Please also make sure that all uniform and kit is named.

Our topic this term is 'Houses and Homes', which provides great opportunities for cross curriculum activities, especially in literacy, science, DT, history and geography. A trip is booked for Year 1 to go on a walk around Kidmore End on Tuesday 21st September. There will also be a trip to the Henley Literary Festival on Thursday 7th October. More details will follow in due course. An outline of our curriculum for this term is summarised below:

<u>Maths</u> Comparing quantities and measures. Counting and Place Value to 20. Addition and subtraction within 20.	<u>English</u> Phonics, grammar, handwriting and storytelling will be covered through the following genres: Traditional tales, labels, lists and captions, information texts, poetry and recounts.
<u>Science</u> Materials, Healthy Lifestyles and Plants.	<u>Computing</u> Logging on and off. Internet safety.
<u>RE & PSHE</u> Christianity and Christmas celebrations	<u>History and Geography</u> How homes have changed over time and how toys have changed too. Different types of homes here and abroad. Our location in the context of the British Isles and the wider world.
<u>PE</u> Gymnastics and Multi-Skills	<u>Art & DT</u> Designing a house out of a range of materials, Firework art, Kandinsky. Designing a fruit salad

<u>Music</u> Using voices expressively	PSHE Me and my relationships. Valuing differences
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Homework

Your child has a reading record, please try to listen to your child read each day and complete the record. This will help your child enormously. There is also a list of high frequency words in your child's reading folder, children will not be tested on these but you may like to practise them with your child.

There will be no additional homework for the first half term.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell will be on a Thursday. Your child can bring in something to show or can simply talk about something linked to our topic, or something they are extremely proud of or have recently achieved.

Key Dates

Meet the teacher:	Thursday 9 th September 2021
Walk around Kidmore End:	Tuesday 21 st September 2021
Henley Literary Festival:	Thursday 7 th October 2021
Parents' Evenings:	Monday 18 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: vsmith@kidmore-end.co.uk to make an appointment following our new communication procedures or leave a message with Mrs Heffer in the school office.

We hope you'll agree that Year 1 is set up for a vibrant and inspiring year. I am really looking forward to teaching your children and providing a fun, challenging and rewarding learning experience.

With best wishes,

Mrs Smith
Year 1 Teacher

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