



Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents

Welcome back to school! We hope you and your family had a fun and relaxing summer in the glorious sunshine and are looking forward to an exciting new autumn term. Over the summer, we hope your child had lots of opportunities to read and share books with you – on the beach, in the park or curled up in bed. We look forward to hearing about some of the books your child particularly enjoyed as the class share their recommendations.

Year 4 is an important year for your child as they consolidate their prior learning and progress on from Year 3 before moving up towards the top end of the school. 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 skills (spelling, reading and times tables) at home each week.

P.E will be on a Tuesday and swimming will be on a Wednesday. Kit needs to include outside trainers, jumper and tracksuit bottoms/leggings as PE continues outside, if possible, whatever the weather! **Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE Kit on Tuesday.** As I said during this term Year 4 will have swimming so swimming kit will also be needed on a Wednesday morning. Please make sure they have practised putting on their hat and goggles by themselves. **Swimming will start on Wednesday 15th September.**

Our topic this term is Ancient Greece, which provides great opportunities for cross curriculum activities, especially in our literacy, art, athletics, history and geography. A trip is booked for Year 4 to go to the Ure Museum at Reading University on **Thursday 21st October.** More details will follow in due course. An outline of our curriculum for this term is summarised below:

<u>Maths</u> Place value Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Perimeter, area, mental maths and times tables.	<u>English</u> Greek myths, plays and focus on year 3/4 common exception words and grammar.
<u>Science</u> Human Skeleton Electricity	<u>Computing</u> Using the internet to research and present information. Espresso Coding.
<u>RE</u> Hinduism Christianity – Christmas celebrations	<u>History and Geography</u> Greece today and how it compares to the UK. Ancient Greece (culminating in an exhibition for parents after half term).
<u>PE</u> Swimming and Athletics	<u>Art & DT</u> Sketching, clay pots, Christmas DT project
<u>Music</u> Music lessons, focusing on the theory of music and the recorder	<u>French</u> Salut Scheme

Homework

Your child has a reading record which they will be required to fill in 2-3 times a week (more is fine with us). They should read on their own daily and with an adult at least twice a week. Please feel free to record in the diary and encourage the children to start commenting on their independent reading. Reading records will be checked weekly, usually on a Monday.

Please support your child in learning their times tables. They will be tested each week

A fortnightly cycle will be used for Maths and English. Week 1 will be set on Google Classroom which your child can self-mark and submit. 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 will be returned to the teacher on the days specified below and marked.

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

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

As part of our Greece topic, children will be asked to complete one creative piece of work, which will be exhibited along with school topic work after half term. Details of this home learning will be given on the class page and Google Classroom in due course.

Key Dates

Meet the teacher:	Wednesday 8 th September 2021
The Ure Museum visit:	Thursday 21 st October 2021
Parents' Evenings:	Monday 18 th and Tuesday 19 th October 2021
Greece Exhibition:	Thursday 25 th November 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: lthomas@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 4 is set up for a vibrant and inspiring year. I am really looking forward to teaching this class and providing a fun, challenging and rewarding learning experience for all our pupils.

With best wishes

Mrs Thomas
Year 4 Teacher

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