



Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Christmas break and I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2022! Thank you from all the staff in Year 1 for your kind and thoughtful gifts.

We are very much looking forward to an exciting spring term. Our main topic will be '**Bright Lights, Big City**'. The children will learn about London and Queen Elizabeth II. We will recreate a Royal Garden Party in the classroom. They will learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom, including their location, capital cities and some of their physical and human features. They will have the opportunity to do map work, using compasses and positional and directional language to plan routes around London. They will research the cause and impact of the Great Fire of London and look at some famous London landmarks. They will learn about other capital cities around the world, including Kuala Lumpur, and compare how they are similar and different to London.

A trip is booked for Year 1 to go to Legoland, Windsor on Thursday 31st March. As well as exploring Miniland which has the world's best landmarks, the children will take part in an 'Around the World in 80 Bricks' workshop. More details will follow in due course.

An outline of our curriculum for this term is summarised below:

<u>Maths</u> Addition and subtraction to 20. Counting and place value to 50. Measurement: length and height, weight and volume.	<u>English</u> Phonics, grammar and handwriting plus the children will look at the following genres: Persuasive writing through information posters. Instructions. Recounts.
<u>Science</u> The seasons, seasonal changes and typical seasonal weather and events. The children will learn about measuring the weather and the role of a meteorologist. They will begin to learn about the science of day and night and recognise that the seasons have varying day lengths in the UK.	<u>History and Geography</u> Our location in the context of the British Isles and the wider world. Queen Elizabeth II. Great Fire of London.
<u>RE</u> Creation and who made the world. Easter.	<u>PSHE</u> Keeping yourself safe.

<u>PE</u> Team games and throwing and catching.	<u>Computing</u> The children will learn to programme Beebots plus log on and off a computer and use the internet safely.
<u>Music</u> Percussion and Vivaldi's Four Seasons.	<u>Art & DT</u> Designing our own London taxis. Collagraph printing.

We will continue to encourage your children to become more independent and responsible for their own learning. This will include bringing in all they need each day and concentrating on their key reading skills each week.

PE

PE will be outside on Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Kit needs to include outside trainers, jumper and tracksuit bottoms/leggings. **Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE Kit on Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

Homework

Please try to listen to your child read each day and complete their Reading Record. This will help your child enormously. Reading books will be changed on a Tuesday and Friday. The children can independently change their library book as often as they like. Children will continue to have spellings on a Friday, please help your child practise these across the week and send in their spelling book on a Friday.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell will be on a Wednesday. Your child can bring in something to show, can share something they are proud of or can talk about something that links to our topic.

Year 1 Key Dates

Rocket Phonics talk:	Thursday 13 th January 2022
'Royal Garden Party':	Friday 14 th January 2022
Parents' Evenings:	14 th and 15 th February 2022
Half term:	w/c 21 st February 2022
Trip to Legoland:	Thursday 31 st March 2022

Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to speak to me in the playground before or after school or email me: 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 this will be an exciting, rewarding term. I am really looking forward to teaching your children and providing them with a fun, engaging and challenging learning experience.

With best wishes,

Mrs Smith

Year 1 Teacher