



## Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! We hope you and your family had a lovely Christmas break and that you are now ready for a full and action packed first term of 2022.

Last term the children made great progress in becoming more independent and responsible for their own learning. Please can we ask for your support in reminding your child that they need to continue taking responsibility for bringing into school all that they need each day and to concentrate on their key skills (spelling, reading and times tables) at home each week. P.E kits should worn on a Monday and a Wednesday. Kit must include an outside top and tracksuit bottoms as PE continues outside, if possible, whatever the weather! This Term we will be actively involved in Hockey and Dance. There is a super opportunity for Year 4 to shine at the New Theatre in Oxford on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**. This is a chance for year 4 to show to other schools in Oxfordshire their dance moves! Mrs Seymour will be leading this dance event and more details will follow shortly.

Our topic this term is Misty Mountains and Windy Rivers which provides great opportunities across the curriculum, especially in our English, Art and Geography lessons. Our class reading book this term "King of the Cloud Forests" also has a misty mountain theme which will further enable the children to explore the terrain of the Himalayas. A brief outline of our curriculum for this term is summarised below: (please note change of topic for science from last email sent out as now Cornerstones science is up and running.)

<u>Maths</u> Multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and area – and those all-important times tables.	<u>English</u> Stories with historical settings, persuasive leaflets, non-chronological reports.
<u>Science</u> States of matter and the water cycle	<u>Computing</u> E-safety, using the internet to research and present information, Coding.
<u>RE</u> Pilgrimage, Worship and Lent.	<u>Humanities</u> Misty Mountains and Windy Rivers
<u>PE</u> Hockey (Monday) and Dance (Wednesday)	<u>Art &amp; DT</u> Landscapes and 3D modelling of a mountain and river
<u>Music</u> Music lessons, on composing and performing related to landscapes and focusing on the recorder to learn to play and compose music.	<u>French</u> Mrs Arkell continues to increase vocabulary with animals and writing simple sentences. Looking at the geography of France.

## Homework

Your child has a Reading Record which they should aim to fill in daily. It is extremely beneficial for your child to read to themselves every day and with an adult at least twice a week. Please do record in the diary and check that they are commenting themselves. Comments can include use of prediction, expression, asking questions, learning new vocabulary or even the effort that they put in. Please also support your child in learning their times tables – by the end of Year 4 we would like children to know all the times tables 1-12. If your child is quick at recalling their multiplication facts, try challenging them with division facts. Your child has access to Times Table Rock Stars and UR Brainy which they can use both at school and home to really increase their times tables knowledge and speed.

Maths:           Week 1 Google Classroom activity - Out on Monday. In on Wednesday  
                    Week 2 Written activity in Maths homework books - Out on Monday. In on Wednesday

English:        Week 1 Google Classroom activity - Out on Wednesday. In on Friday  
                    Week 2 A written activity in English homework books - Out on Wednesday. In on Monday

Spellings:      Wednesday, tested the following Wednesday

Reading:        Reading records will be checked weekly, usually on a Wednesday.

As part of our Mountains and river topic, children are very welcome to carry out some extra research at home on an area that interests them and bring it in to display in the class. However, this is not compulsory as extra work. There will be some ideas on the Home Learning page on the Year 4 web page.

## Key Dates

Dance Trip:	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Parents' Evenings:	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Easter Service	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022

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](mailto:lthomas@kidmore-end.co.uk) or leave a message with Mrs Heffer in the school office.

Finally, thank you all for your kind and thoughtful Christmas gifts – all the staff in Year 4 very much appreciated them. We look forward to an engaging and challenging term and thank you for all your support with the home learning – it really does make a difference.

With best wishes

*Mrs Thomas*