



Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you and your family had a relaxing Christmas break and are looking forward to an exciting new spring term. We want to say a massive thank you for your wonderful generosity and for all the many lovely gifts you got us. THANK YOU!

As mentioned at the start of the year, it is an important year for your child as they continue to consolidate their prior learning and develop their independence. We will be focusing on the children becoming more independent this term, which will in turn help with clarinets and swimming. This also includes bringing in all they need each day and concentrating on their key skills (spelling, reading, times tables and homework) at home each week.

P.E this term will be on a Tuesday (Hockey) and Wednesday (Swimming). 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 just Tuesday (starting next week).**

Swimming will be on Wednesday mornings with Mrs Thomas. Please ensure children have everything they need for swimming including their swimming costumes, goggles, swimming caps and a bag to put it all in. Children may bring a healthy snack with them. We ask that all children come into school in their school uniform but know how to change into their swimming gear as it really helps save time, giving them more time in the pool.

<u>Maths</u> Multiplication and division Fractions	<u>English</u> Persuasive writing Balanced arguments Narratives
<u>Science</u> Sow, Grow and Farm Life cycles	<u>Computing</u> E-Safety, Scratch Coding, word document skills.
<u>RE</u> Focusing on Islam	<u>History and Geography</u> Sow, Grow and Farm. Where our food comes from.
<u>PE</u> Hockey and Swimming (Swimming to be taught with Mrs Thomas)	<u>Art & DT</u> Nature's Art Eat the Seasons (DT)
<u>Music</u> Clarinets	<u>French</u> Salut Scheme

Music

Please make sure your child is responsible for their clarinet and ensure that they are bringing them into school each **Thursday**. Please encourage your child to practice using Charanga- maybe in the garage or in front of another family member to give your ears a little break!

Homework

Please ensure that you are continuing to encourage your child to read. 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.

A fortnightly cycle will be used for Maths and English. The work will be set on Google Classroom which your child can self-mark and submit. The second week 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.

All homework will be issued on a Friday and expected to be completed by the following week (the following Friday at the very latest) so we can look at it together in class and consolidate any learning. Year 5 will continue to have their weekly spelling test on a Friday as well with spellings being set on both spelling shed and google classroom.

Key Dates

Swimming starts: Wednesday 12th January 2022
Parents' Evenings: Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th February 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 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 the children have made fantastic progress so far this year and have really worked hard! I am really looking forward to seeing what 2022 has in store for the children and all the wonderful things they will be getting up to.

With best wishes,

Mr Heritage and the Year 5 team. (email sherita@kidmore-end.co.uk)

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