



Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our school! We hope you and your family had a fun and relaxing summer and are looking forward to an exciting first term. We have two focus topics this term. In Term 1 Our topic is **Let's Explore!** We will be discussing ourselves and celebrating what it means to be unique. As well as exploring our school and local area. We will read and explore a range of stories to support our topic including *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and *In This Town, In this street*. In Term 2 our topic will be **Marvellous Machines**. We will explore how things work and we will have a focus on transport. Our focus books include *NoBot the Robot* and *Chicken Clickin*.

Prime Areas of Learning

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical development
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss stories including stories about starting school and linking to our topics• Discuss Circle time expectations.• Café and home corner role play and role play related to our topics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on settling in, feeling safe and secure• Games and activities to learn names• Create a class promise• Managing feelings and behaviours in different situations e.g playtimes• Activities linked to our termly value Kindness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening hands and core ready for writing• Understand how to stay healthy by washing hands, eating healthy food, etc.

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding of the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rhyme and alliteration• Retell and sequence stories• Give meanings to marks made• Early writing skills• Phase 1 and phase 2 of Rocket phonics programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sorting and matching• Begin to represent numbers using fingers, paper or pictures.• Subitising- recognizing arrangements without counting• Counting 0-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn names of staff and children• Use senses to describe things e.g. fruit.• Explore the school and local area• Explore how things work• Talk about different cultures and celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn some new rhymes and movements.• Use a range of materials to explore and design e.g. playdough/paint/clay• Explore the work of different artists

Circle time will take place regularly, giving the children the opportunity to talk about and share something about their day if they would like to. We love to hear about a 'wow' moment from home and this can be recorded in the reading records or sent in an email. P.E will be on Mondays and Wednesdays and has already started. Kit needs to include outside trainers, jumper and tracksuit bottoms/leggings or shorts. PE continues outside, if possible, whatever the weather! **Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE Kit on Mondays and Wednesdays.** They will stay in their kit, so they do not need to get changed afterwards.

Key Dates

Rocket Phonics Information Session: Monday 25th September 2:30pm

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October

Half Term: W/C 23rd October 2023

Inset Day: Monday 30th October 2023

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: khinnel@kidmore-end.co.uk or leave a message with the school office.

I am really looking forward to getting to know your child and sharing in their learning journey this year.

With best wishes,

Mrs Hinnell

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