



**Kidmore End CE Primary School**



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We would like to wish you all a happy and healthy new year. We hope you all had a fun and relaxing Christmas and are looking forward to the Spring term. We have two focus topics this term. In Term 3 our topic will be **Long Ago**. In this topic we will be thinking about our own history and how we have changed since we were babies. We will be looking at our family tree and thinking about what life was like for our Grandparents and Great Grandparents. Some of the books and stories we will be reading include *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, *Alfie and Annie Rose*, *We are Giants* and *Coming to England*. In Term 4 our topic will be **Ready, Steady, Grow** where we will explore the wonderful world of farming. We will also learn about where food comes from, what plants and animals need to grow and survive and all about baby animals.

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

#### Prime Areas of Learning

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss stories including stories linking to our topics</li><li>• Lots of opportunities for back and forth conversations to develop vocabulary</li><li>• Home Corner role play and role play related to our topics.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Games and activities to continue to build positive relationships and develop friendships</li><li>• Managing feelings and behaviours in different situations e.g. playtimes</li><li>• Staying healthy physically and mentally</li><li>• Activities linked to our termly values</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to work on hand and core strength to help with writing stamina</li><li>• Develop fluency in movement</li></ul>

#### Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding of the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Retell, sequence and innovate stories</li><li>• Write labels for pictures drawn</li><li>• Blending words to read and write sentences</li><li>• Continue phase 2 and phase 3 phonics</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subitise to 5</li><li>• Represent numbers to 10</li><li>• Forming some numbers correctly</li><li>• Counting to 10 and beyond</li><li>• Number composition and number bonds to 10.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Begin to make sense of their own and family history</li><li>• Recognise similarities and differences between life now and life in the past</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use a range of materials to design and create models</li><li>• Dance through the ages.</li></ul>

Circle time will continue to take place regularly, giving the children the opportunity to talk about and share something they are proud of. We love to hear about a 'wow' moment from home and this can be recorded in the reading records or sent via an email to the office. Our P.E days will continue to be on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

### **Key Dates**

Parents' Evenings:	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Half Term:	W/C 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024

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 the school office.

I am really looking forward to another exciting term with your children.

With best wishes,

Mrs K Hinnell  
Foundation Stage Teacher  
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