



Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would very much like to welcome all families back to school. We are excited for the new school year as your children move into Year 1.

Year 1 is an important year for your child as they consolidate their prior learning and progress on from Reception. We will be encouraging your children to become more independent and responsible for their own learning this year. This will include bringing in all they need each day and concentrating on their key reading skills each week.

P.E will be outside on Wednesday afternoon and inside on Friday afternoon. Kit needs to include outside trainers, jumper and tracksuit bottoms/leggings as on Wednesday P.E. will continue outside, if possible, whatever the weather! **Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE Kit on Wednesday and Friday.**

Over the year we will be following our Cornerstones curriculum, starting with the topic of 'Childhood.' This will involve looking at what it was like to be a child in the past. We will have a museum box of toys to explore, and would also like to invite any grandparents or great-grandparents to come in to talk to the class about what it was like when they were a child. Please email Mrs Smith if this is of interest! In our geography topic we will be looking at physical and human geography and plan to take a walk around Kidmore End to look at these features.

<u>Maths</u> Number to 100, counting forward & backward from any number. Addition and Subtraction.	<u>English</u> Rocket Phonics scheme Traditional tales, labels, lists and captions, information texts and recounts.
<u>Science</u> Everyday Materials, Human Senses.	<u>Computing</u> Technology Around Us Digital Painting
<u>RE</u> Christianity and Christmas celebrations	<u>History and Geography</u> Stages of life What was it like when our grandparents were children? Our location in the context of the British Isles and the wider world.
<u>PE</u> Dance, gymnastics and multi-skills	<u>Art & DT</u> Mixing colours & portraits Designing shelters

<u>Music</u> Listening and performing – Hip Hop and Rap	<u>PSHE</u> Me and my relationships. Valuing differences
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Homework

Your child has a reading record, please try to listen to your child read each day and complete the record. This will help your child enormously. School reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday. There is also a list of common exception words in your child's reading record, you may like to practise them with your child. This half term, as we explore our Stages of Life topic we would like the children to put together a family tree – including their siblings, parents, uncles and aunts and grandparents. They can choose how to present it – either by drawing it or making something. Please can they be ready to bring it on Monday 2nd October.

Book Club

Each Tuesday afternoon we would like to invite your child to bring in a book that they have particularly enjoyed to share with the class.

Key Dates

RE Church visit: tbc

Grandparents to visit the class: w/c 9th October and w/c 16th October

Parents' Evenings: Monday 9th October and Wednesday 11th October

Half Term: W/C 23rd October

Walk around Kidmore End: Tuesday 28th November

Inset Day: Monday 30th October 2023

Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to ask. We can deal with quick queries before school but can be available at the end of the school day. Mrs Smith will teach Year 1 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Bickerton will teach Year 1 on Thursday and Friday.

We hope you'll agree that Year 1 is set up for a vibrant and inspiring year. We are really looking forward to teaching your children and providing a fun, challenging and rewarding learning experience.

With best wishes,

Mrs Bickerton

Mrs Smith

Year 1 Teachers

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