



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 fun and relaxing summer in the glorious sunshine and are looking forward to an exciting new autumn term. Over the summer, we hope your child had lots of opportunities to read and share books with you – on the beach, in the park or curled up in bed. We look forward to hearing about some of the books your child particularly enjoyed as the class share their recommendations.

Year 4 is an important year for your child as they consolidate their prior learning and progress on from Year 3 before moving up towards the top end of the school. 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 skills (spelling, reading and times tables) at home each week.

P.E will be on a **Wednesday** and on a **Thursday**. 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 both days.**

Our topic this term is Invasions, which provides great opportunities for cross curriculum activities, especially in Humanities. A trip is booked for Year 4 to go to Reading Museum in December. More details will follow in due course. An outline of our curriculum for this term is summarised below:

<u>Maths</u> Place value Addition, subtraction, area, mental maths and times tables.	<u>English</u> Anglo Saxon Poetry and play scripts and focus on year 3/4 common exception words and grammar.
<u>Science</u> Food and The Digestive system	<u>Computing</u> The Internet- Recognising the internet as a network of networks including the WWW, and why we should evaluate online content.
<u>RE</u> Hinduism Christianity – Christmas celebrations	<u>Humanities</u> Anglo – Saxon and Vikings Compass points, Tropics of cancer nad Capricorn North and South America
<u>PE</u> Swimming and hockey	<u>Art & DT</u> Watercolours Food Packing
<u>Music</u> Music lessons, focusing on the theory of music and the recorder. Listening to Peter and the wolf	<u>French</u> Salut Scheme

Homework

Your child has a reading record which they will be required to fill in 2-3 times a week (more is fine with us). 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, usually on a Monday.

Please support your child in learning their times table. They will be tested each week but will also be practising them daily in preparation for the **MTC test in summer 2024 (Multiplication Times Table Check-compulsory for Year 4)**.

A fortnightly cycle will be used for Maths and English. On Week 1 of this cycle, a hard copy of a maths and English activity will be sent out in their homework books to do. Week 2 will be set on Google Classroom which your child can self-mark and submit. This will be returned to the teacher on the days specified below and marked.

Maths will be issued on a Monday and will be expected in **Wednesday**.

English and Spelling will be issued on a Wednesday. English homework will be due in on **Friday** and a spelling test will happen the **following Wednesday**.

Key Dates

Parents' Evenings:	Tuesday 10 th / Wednesday 11th October 2023
Half Term:	W/C 23 rd October 2023
Inset Day:	Monday 30 th 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 make an appointment or leave a message with the school office.

We hope you'll agree that Year 4 is set up for a vibrant and inspiring year. I am really looking forward to teaching this class and providing a fun, challenging and rewarding learning experience for all our pupils.

With best wishes

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