



**Kidmore End CE Primary School**



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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year!

We hope you and your family had a lovely Christmas break and that you are now ready for a full and action packed first term of 2024.

Last term the children made great progress in becoming more independent and responsible for their own learning. Please can we ask for your support in reminding your child that they need to continue taking responsibility for bringing into school all that they need each day and to concentrate on their key skills (spelling, reading and times tables) at home each week. P.E kits should worn on a **Tuesday** and a **Wednesday**. Kit must include an outside top and tracksuit bottoms as PE continues outside, if possible, whatever the weather!

Our topic this term is Misty Mountains and Windy Rivers which provides great opportunities across the curriculum, especially in our English, Art and Geography lessons. Our class reading book this term "King of the Cloud Forests" also has a misty mountain theme which will further enable the children to explore the terrain of the Himalayas.

<u>Maths</u> Multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and area – and those all-important times tables.	<u>English</u> Stories with historical settings, persuasive leaflets, non-chronological reports.
<u>Science</u> States of matter and the water cycle	<u>Computing</u> E-safety, using the internet to research and present information, Coding.
<u>RE</u> Pilgrimage, Worship and Lent.	<u>Humanities</u> Misty Mountains and Windy Rivers
<u>PE</u> Swimming and Dance	<u>Art &amp; DT</u> Landscapes and 3D modelling of a mountain and river
<u>Music</u> Stop!-Rap music	<u>French</u> Animals

## Homework

Your child has a Reading Record which they should aim to fill in daily. It is extremely beneficial for your child to read to themselves every day and with an adult at least twice a week. Please do record in the diary and check that they are commenting themselves. Comments can include use of prediction, expression, asking questions, learning new vocabulary or even the effort that they put in. Please also support your child in learning their times tables – by the end of Year 4 we would like children to know all the times tables 1-12. If your child is quick at recalling their multiplication facts, try challenging them with division facts. Your child has access to Times Table Rock Stars and UR Brainy which they can use both at school and home too really

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)**.

Homework 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 Thursday**.

As part of our Mountains and river topic, children are very welcome to carry out some extra research at home on an area that interests them and bring it in to display in the class. However, this is not compulsory as extra work. There will be some ideas on the Resources page on the Year 4 web page.

## 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 make an appointment or leave a message with the school office. Please can we remind you, that all emails for staff should be sent to the office [office@kidmore-end.co.uk](mailto:office@kidmore-end.co.uk) who will then forward them on.

Finally, thank you all for your kind and thoughtful Christmas gifts and cards – all the staff in Year 4 very much appreciated them. We look forward to an engaging and challenging term and thank you for all your support with the home learning – it really does make a difference.

With best wishes

Mrs Khan  
Year 4 Teacher  
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