



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 and are looking forward to an exciting new autumn term.

Year 5 is an important year for your child as they consolidate their prior learning and progress on from Year 4 before moving up towards their final year at 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 **Tuesday** and on a **Friday**. 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 the Shang Dynasty, which provides great opportunities for cross curriculum activities, especially in our literacy and history. An outline of our curriculum for this term is summarised below:

<u>Maths</u> Decimal Fractions Money	<u>English</u> Text: Bronze and Sunflower Narrative Poetry Non chronological reports – linked to topic Stories from other cultures Explanations – linked to science
<u>Science</u> Forces/mechanisms Earth and space	<u>Computing</u> E-Safety Systems Transferring information
<u>RE</u> Islam (focus on the Qur'an) Christianity (Is God loving and holy?)	<u>History and Geography</u> Shang Dynasty Investigating our world
<u>PE (Tuesday and Friday)</u> Athletics Tag rugby	<u>Art & DT</u> Taotie Tints, tones and shades
<u>Music</u> Music lessons, focusing on the theory of music and the clarinet	<u>French</u> GCP 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 are the responsibility of your child.

Please continue to support your child in learning their times tables. They will not be tested but this will help with their fluency in maths.

This year children will have English and Maths Homework on Google classroom only. It is therefore important children are taking responsibility for their homework and ensure it is being submitted online and on time.

Maths given out on Monday due in on Wednesday

English given out on Wednesday due in on Friday

Spellings given with English on Wednesday. Also available on google classroom and Spelling shed

We understand homework can cause some issues for some children, especially if they already have busy schedules, this is not the aim of homework. Therefore, if your child has any issues or is struggling to complete their homework on time then we are more than happy to help them during break/lunchtime early on in the week to give them the opportunity to then give it another go themselves.

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 5 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,

Mrs Thomas and the Year 5 team
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