



Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and thank you for the warm welcome that I have received! We hope you and your family had a fun and relaxing summer and are looking forward to an exciting new autumn term.

Year 6 is an important year for your child as they consolidate their prior learning from across key stage 2 with some new learning acquisition ready for the SATS and the move to secondary school. We will be encouraging your children to continue to develop their independence and to take responsibility for their own learning this year. This will include bringing in all they need each day, concentrating on their key skills (spelling, reading and times tables) at home each week alongside completion of homework which will be set weekly.

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 Maafa (African history), which provides great opportunities for cross curriculum activities, especially in history, English and art. An outline of our curriculum for this term is summarised below:

<u>Maths</u> Calculations Place Value	<u>English</u> Class Novel: The Nowhere Emporium and Windrush Child (2 nd text subject to change) Writing will be linked to science and history topics (non-fiction texts and poetry) but we will also be doing some creative writing based on our class novel and other resources.
<u>Science</u> Circulatory and Respiratory systems	<u>Computing</u> E-Safety Communication 3D Modelling (tinkercad)
<u>RE</u> Christianity – Are Saints encouraging role models? Christianity – Was Jesus the Messiah?	<u>History and Geography</u> Maafa Our Changing World
<u>PE (Tuesday and Friday)</u> Hockey – Tuesday	<u>Art & DT</u> Tints, tones and shades

Athletics - Fridays	Food for life
<u>Music</u> Charanga music lessons: Happy Classroom Jazz 2	<u>French</u> GCP Scheme Penpals

Homework

Your child has a reading record which they will be asked 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 (or as often as is feasible). 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 continue to use TT rockstars and will have opportunities to use this in school. They will not be tested but I will use the platform to monitor their progress.

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 (it is given either for pre-learning or consolidation purposes and should be reasonably short and sharp bursts of learning). Therefore, if your child has any issues or is struggling to complete their homework on time do get in touch (I do not wish it to become a battle or a stress).

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.

I already am enjoying teaching the class and will continue to work hard to provide a fun, challenging and rewarding learning experience for all our pupils.

With best wishes,

Sarah Watkins and the Year 6 Team

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