



Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your family had a relaxing Easter and are looking forward to an exciting Summer term. We have two focus topics this term. In Term 5 our topic is Animal Safari. We will be learning about Mammals, reptiles and birds from all over the world. We will learn how to look after animals and the importance of caring for our local and global environments. We will read and explore a range of stories and non-fiction books to support our topic including *Monkey Puzzle*, *Dear Zoo* and *A First Book of Animals*. In Term 6 our topic will be On the Beach. We will explore life at the Seaside and learn about water safety. Our focus books include *Lucy and Tom at the Beach*, *Who's Hiding on the Sea Shore* and *Somebody swallowed Stanley*.

Prime Areas of Learning

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical development
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss stories and non fiction texts and explore books linked to our topics• Circle time• Home corner role play and role play related to our topics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue working on Managing feelings and strategies to regulate behaviours in different situations• Discuss perseverance and strategies to cope when things don't quite go to plan!• Growing and changing- How are bodies change as we grow up• Road safety and water safety• Activities linked to our termly values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to strengthen our hands and core to help with our stamina for writing• Understand how to keep our minds and bodies healthy• Gymnastics and Cricket.

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding of the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retell, sequence and innovate stories• Continue Rocket phonics programme• Sentence writing and reading back our own and others sentences• Reading comprehension and fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number bonds to 10• Subitising- recognising arrangements without counting• Counting to 20 and beyond.• Comparing quantities• Even and odd numbers• Recognising doubles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss animals from around the world, learning about their habitats and facts about their Countries.• Talk about different cultures and celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn some more rhymes, songs and actions• Use a range of materials to explore and design e.g. playdough/paint/ clay• Explore the work of different artists

Circle time will continue regularly, giving the children the opportunity to talk about and share something about their day if they would like to. We love to hear about a 'wow' moment from home and this can be recorded in the reading records or sent in an email to the office. Please do not allow children to bring toys from home unless we have specially requested, thank you. P.E will continue to be on Mondays and Wednesdays. **Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE Kit on Mondays and Wednesdays.** This term you will meet Paddington, our class reading bear. He will come home with each child and spend 2 nights with you. He loves to share books and we will encourage children to tell us all about the books they have shared with Paddington.

Key Dates

Half term: w/c Monday 27th May
Sports Day: Tuesday 25th June (TBC)
Last day of term: Wednesday 24th July (1:30 pm finish)

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, please email the school office to request a meeting.

I am really looking forward to working with your child this term.

With best wishes

Mrs Hinnell
Foundation Stage Teacher