



Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Easter holiday and are ready for a busy summer term!

We are very much looking forward to our summer topic, 'School Days'. It will provide the children with the opportunity to learn about the history of our school. We will compare schooling and people's lives in the Victorian era to our experiences today. We have a 'School Days' museum box from the Oxfordshire Museum Service, which will bring this learning to life and we will have a **Victorian School Morning on Wednesday 8th May** where we will recreate a Victorian classroom in the Year 1 classroom. As part of the role play it would be great if the children could dress up. Girls could wear dark skirts or dresses, white blouses, white aprons, white mop caps or ribbons in their hair. Boys could wear dark or grey shorts, long socks, white shirts, waistcoats, ties and caps. It may be possible to borrow outfits from the current Year 2s who dressed up last year. If the children could come into school that morning in their Victorian clothes and with their PE kit in a bag we will help them change at break time.

In science, our topics are 'Plant Parts' and 'Animal Parts'. The children will grow plants and will learn about animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and invertebrates. They will identify and describe their common structures, their diets and how animals should be cared for.

In our DT project the children will learn about sources of food and the preparatory skills of peeling, tearing, slicing, chopping, mashing and grating. They will use this knowledge to design and make a fresh fruit salad according to specific design criteria. Our art project 'Street View' will focus on the work of the American pop artist, James Rizzi, who depicted streets and buildings. The children will create a 3-D mural based on Rizzi's work.

In Phonics, we will continue to learn new phonemes and practise them ready for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test in June. In maths we will be focussing on multiplication and division, fractions, geometry, Place Value to 100 and measurement of money and time.

An outline of our curriculum for this term is summarised below:

<p><u>Maths</u> Multiplication and division. Fractions. Geometry. Place value to 100. Measurement: Money, Time.</p>	<p><u>English</u> Phonics, grammar and handwriting plus the children will look at the following genres: Fact sheets, poems, diary entry, labelling, information texts and story writing.</p>
<p><u>Science</u> Plants: identifying, growing and investigating different plants Animals: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals. Grouping according to what the animals eat i.e. carnivores, herbivores, omnivores.</p>	<p><u>History</u> Learning about the history of our school and about how different life would have been in Victorian times.</p>
<p><u>RE</u> Judaism and stories from the Old Testament. Shared special religious places.</p>	<p><u>PSHE</u> Being my best. Growing and changing.</p>
<p><u>PE</u> Team games: rounders and cricket Athletics</p>	<p><u>Computing</u> Moving a robot. Programming animations.</p>
<p><u>Music</u> Charanga: Your imagination reflect, rewind, replay</p>	<p><u>Art & DT</u> Designing fruit salads Rizzi and 3d models. Clay animals.</p>

We will continue to encourage your children to become more independent and responsible for their own learning. This will include bringing in all they need each day and concentrating on their key reading skills each week.

PE

PE will be outside on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. Kit needs to include outside trainers, jumper and tracksuit bottoms/leggings. **Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE Kit on Wednesdays and Fridays.**

Homework

Please try to listen to your child read each day and complete their Reading Record. This will help your child enormously. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday. This term we will be asking children to complete one 'own work' project at home per half term. This will be related to our topic and details will be posted on Google Classroom.

Book Club

Book Club will continue on a Tuesday afternoon.

Year 1 Key Dates

Victorian Day (in school):	Wednesday 8 th May
Half term:	w/c 27 th May
Phonics Screening:	w/c 10 th June
Sports Day:	Tuesday 25 th June (TBC)
Trip to Beale Park:	Wednesday 10 th July
Last day of term:	Wednesday 24 th July (1.30pm 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, you may email the office to arrange a meeting.

We hope you agree that this will be an exciting, rewarding term. We are really looking forward to teaching your children and providing them with a fun, engaging and challenging learning experience.

With best wishes,

Mrs Smith

Mrs Bickerton

Year 1 Teachers