

Welcome to Year 1

We are looking forward to an exciting term exploring our topic 'All About Me'. To help the children with transition to Year 1 we are initially continuing the play and provision based environment the children experienced in Year R. During the day, there will be key whole class learning times for Phonics, Writing, Guided Reading and Mathematics. The children will then work on a range of teacher-led and child-initiated activities.

Homework

Year 1 homework is reading and spellings. Spellings are set on a weekly basis. For more information please read the information on the front and back of the red spelling book. Children are tested on their spellings on a Friday at the back of their spelling books. There will also be a phonics sheet which you can keep to support your child with their Phonics' learning.

PE

We take part in PE twice a week and if the weather allows they will be outdoor sessions. This term, your child will need shorts, tracksuit bottoms (in case of cold weather) and a t-shirt.

Outdoor Environment:

We will continue to use our outdoor area on most days unless it is raining very heavily. As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please provide a pair of wellies or outdoor shoes in a clearly named carrier bag—thank you.

School website

Please use our school website <https://www.kiwi.wilts.sch.uk/> for regular updates and copies of letters sent home

Please can you help us by making sure that all your child's clothes are clearly named and they have a clearly named water bottle — thank you.

We hope you find this booklet useful. We are always happy to meet with you and discuss your child's progress over the year. Please feel free to come and speak to your child's teacher or schedule an appointment if you have any concerns. Thank you for your continued support to our school.

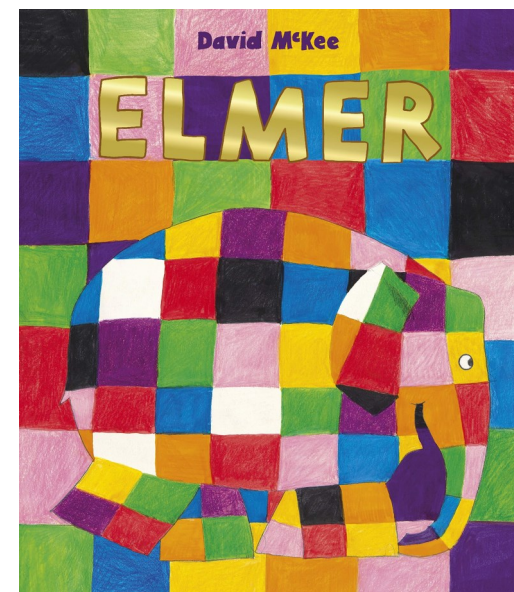
Many thanks,
The Year Team

Kiwi Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Year 1
Autumn Term 1
2023

'All About Me'



English

In English, we will start to develop our 'Talk for Writing' story making skills by learning to retell the story of Elmer. We will become really familiar with the text before changing parts of the story to make our own new story. We will also think about the characters and learn how to describe them. Then, we will think all about ourselves and focus on the Non-Fiction text type called Non-Chronological Reports. We will explore different examples and use these to create our own fact files. We will use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our writing.

Also, we will start our daily guided Reading sessions and our initial focus will be making sure we all point to the words as we read.

In our Phonics sessions, we will follow Little Wandle phonics programme and will focus on revising and consolidating Level 4. We will learn to sound and blend four and five letter words using sounds we already know.

SCIENCE

In Science this term, we will be thinking about the topic 'Animals Including Humans'. We will aim to answer 'What is an animal?'. We will think about the characteristics of different animals and what makes them different. We will also think about the 5 senses.

COMPUTING

We will start our Computing work by focussing on using computers safely and following our rules. We will explore how to use different pieces of technology and programmes safely.

MUSIC

In Music, we will focus on keeping a steady beat using body percussion and instruments. This term's theme, is 'Hey You!'.

MATHEMATICS

In Mathematics, we will spend the first four weeks focusing on cementing our understanding of place value to 10. We will count to 10 forwards and backwards, starting from any number. We will count, read and write numerals in numbers and words. We will work on understanding more and less and learn to use a range of vocabulary including fewer, least and equal to. We will be using our new 'APE' questioning skills — Answer it, Prove it, Explain it.

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PSHE

This term's theme is 'Being Me in My World'. We will think about being special and safe in our class and think about our rights and responsibilities. We will start to understand the choices we can make and the consequences.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

This term, we will be focusing on settling into our new class. Our classrooms and outdoor areas will be full of exciting activities linked to our theme.

P.E.

This term, we will be looking at developing our fundamental skills in all areas. We will be exploring how we can develop our balance and how this is a fundamental skill in all areas.

RE

This term, we will be exploring the religion of Christianity. Throughout this, we will begin to answer the question, 'Why is belonging to God and the Church important to Christians?'

HISTORY

We will think about school and what it is like currently. We will then compare this to schools in the past and discuss how they have changed. Also, we will focus on how Kiwi Primary School has changed and compare it to modern day.

ART

In Art, we will be exploring spirals and how we can use different resources to make these. We will create different sized spirals and use chalk to create large spirals on the playground. We will then apply this to our own pictures of Elmer.

HOMEWORK

Please read at home daily with your child either from their home reading book or a book you have at home to share. The children will have a homework menu to select activities/work to complete throughout the term.