

Kiwi Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Autumn Term 1 2025



Morepork Owl Class – Mrs K Addyman



New Zealand Falcon Class – Mrs L Leach



Black Kite Class – Miss M Lawley

Welcome to Year 5/6

Homework

Reading

Purpose: To develop a love for reading and improve literacy skills. At Kiwi we recognise the power of regular reading for our children's wellbeing, emotional literacy and outcomes.

Expectations: Children are encouraged to read for at least 10-15 minutes each weekday. This can include reading aloud to a parent/carer or, in the older years, independent reading.

Support: Children have access to physical books from our school and class libraries as well as e-books through the Collins website. A list of places where free books are available can be found on our website.

Spellings

Purpose: To enhance spelling skills and expand children's vocabulary.

Expectations: Once a week children will be given a list of spellings to learn based on the spelling rules learned in class. Using strategies introduced through our No-Nonsense Spelling Scheme, children will be able to practice applying the rules they have learned.

Support: In class, children will learn spelling rules and strategies for practice, parents and carers can encourage their children to apply those to their practice at home.

Maths

Purpose: To build a strong foundation in mathematics through regular practise of multiplications.

Expectations: All children at Kiwi will use Hit the Button and the NCETM website to practise their multiplication skills.

Support: Parents/carers can support their children by incorporating practice into daily activities (e.g. counting items, calculating shopping totals).

Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you are unable to access any of our online platforms.

English Writing

Picture book – The Viewer by Shaun Tan

In this unit of work the children will explore:

- Expanded noun phrases with prepositions and adverbs
- Use inverted commas in speech to build character
- Use coordination and subordination in a sentence
- Use commas for subordination

Through the exploration of narrative writing, the children will look at creating their own version of the story as their fictional piece, before exploring text types such as newspaper reports, diary entries and a missing person's report.

Guided Reading

In guided reading, the children will develop their VIPER skills through the reading of the novel Wonder.

Science – Materials

In this unit, the children will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets.

They will give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic.

Computing

The children will develop their understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. They will consider small-scale systems as well as large-scale systems and explain input, output, and process aspects of a variety of different real-world systems. The children will discover how information is found on the World Wide Web, through learning how search engines work and what influences searching, and through comparing different search engines.

Art

On a journey of modern-day street art, the children explore how artists convey a message. They begin to understand how artists use imagery and symbols as well as drawing techniques like expressive mark making, tone and the dramatic light and dark effect. Artists: Diego Rivera, Dan Fenelon, Pablo Picasso.

Maths

In maths this term, the children will look at deconstructing and constructing numbers up to 10,000,000. This will be done through a number of practical tasks with pictorial representations used to help the children move on to more abstracts problem solving. The children are encouraged to use their reasoning skills to explain their thoughts and challenge opinion, to ensure they have a deepened understanding of number in maths. The children will use Number Sense to develop their fluency work in multiplication.



History

This unit explores the Tudor period through the lenses of chronology and cause and consequence. Pupils will investigate key events, such as the Battle of Bosworth and the Reformation, and examine how Tudor monarchs shaped England. They will develop historical thinking through timelines, enquiry, and source analysis.

Religion and World Views

Children will explore a range of creation stories in imaginative ways and consider how creation stories help some people understand what God is like.

Music

By the end of this unit children will be able to: Maintain a steady beat in 6/8 and 4/4. Copy and create 6/8 rhythms. Create layers of rhythms. Perform in a group. Create different musical effects with accents.

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Physical Education

This term the children will be learning how to play hockey, developing the key skills needed. This includes:

1. To choose skills that meet the needs of the situation.
2. Participate in competitive games, modified where appropriate.
3. Show good awareness of others in game situations

PSHE

This term the children will be working together to foster positive relationships whilst developing their assertiveness skills and understanding of physical contact.

Enrichment Activities

After school clubs
Bikeability Year 6