

Kiwi Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Autumn Term 1, 2025

Welcome to Year One and Two! Kingfishers, Swans and Woodpeckers.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead and exploring our new topics. We are prioritising our hands-on and wellbeing related learning in Foundation subjects, and every lesson will have an element of Build, Create, Write and Draw- the learning opportunities are endless.

Homework in Year One and Two

Daily reading at home is strongly encouraged. Your child will be sent home with a reading record, which we ask parents to write in when you have shared a book at home. Reading books and reading records must be in school daily- we read with your child 3x a week before sending a book home on a Friday (if you have signed a contract- if not, please come and ask for one).

Your child will also come home with some Phonics homework on a Friday- we do not expect this to be returned, but please do your best to complete this with your child.

PE

Each class has one PE lesson a week, plus one KOLA (Kiwi Outdoor Learning Award). Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct/appropriate clothing.

KOLA for Y1/2 is on a Monday.

PE is on a Tuesday.

Meet the Teacher:

Meet the teacher will take place this Friday (12th September) at 3:25 and 3:45pm. Please come along.

English

In Term One, we are focusing on the book 'I Love Me!' by Marvyn Harrison. We will be talking about what we like about the story, explicitly teaching vocabulary, and matching to definitions, writing captions and using full stops and capital letters in a sentence. Later in the term we will be exploring _____.

Science

In Science, children will explore body parts and the five senses through hands-on science, observing, questioning, and understanding sensory roles in daily life and work. They must use the words sight, smell, taste, touch and hearing.

Computing.

This half term we will be looking at technology around us. Learners will develop their understanding of technology and how it can help them in their everyday lives. They will start to become familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills. Learners will also consider how to use technology responsibly and who to ask for help if they see any content or comments online that make them feel uncomfortable.

Art / Design Technology

In Art, we are developing observational drawing skills when exploring mark-making. Children will use a range of tools, investigating how texture can be created in drawings. They will begin to voice opinions over preferred materials and colour. We will look at specific Artists within this unit such as Bridget Riley.

Maths

Year One and Two will be exploring Place Value in the Autumn term. This means counting objects, finding out one more than any given number to 100, identifying tens and ones in a number, comparing numbers using symbols and ordering numbers. We strongly encourage counting backwards and forwards daily. At the end of the term we will be looking at Money and the value of different coins and notes.

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Physical Education

This half term the children in Year One and Two are doing Rugby. We will master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. Develop balance, agility and coordination, and then begin to apply these in a range of activities. Participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.

Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for PE- trainers, grey or black jogging bottoms or leggings and a white t shirt.

History

In this first unit the children will look at personal chronology and find out about the past within living memory. By examining photographs and asking questions, the children will investigate chronology. They will begin to look at a simple timeline extending back to before they were born. They will think about special memories and celebrations they share at home.

Religion and World Views

We will be looking at 'Why do we need to give thanks'

Children will discuss and be open minded towards others thoughts, feelings and emotions. Children will be able to look at similarities and differences across religions.

PSHE

PSHE is taught through our whole school values assemblies and special events. This half term our school's value is 'Being Respectful'. We will explore what it means to be respectful in our environment, to others and to ourselves. We aim to use our values in daily conversation and learning.

Enrichment Activities

Meet the Teacher- Friday 12th September

Reception Parents Phonics Workshop – 1st October

