Kiwi Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS

Reception
Autumn Term 2
2026

‘Let’s Celebrate!’







Welcome to Reception

Welcome to Reception (EYFS) We are looking forward to an exciting term exploring our topic ‘Let’s celebrate!’. In Reception we learn through teacher led and child led activities. During the day, there will be key whole class learning times for Phonics, Literacy, Mathematics and our learning theme. The children will then work on a range of teacher-led and child-initiated activities.

Homework In Reception
Homework will be daily reading and phonics. Once a week your child will receive the sounds we have learnt that week. Please practice these sounds at home. This will support your child with reading and writing. Your child’s reading book will be changed every Friday.

PE
We take part in PE once a week and if the weather allows, they will be outdoor sessions. PE lessons are on Tuesdays.

We will continue to use our outdoor area every day. As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please provide a pair of named wellies and a waterproof suit. These will also be needed for our Forest Fun Fridays where we do all of our learning outside.

Spare clothes
Please can we ask that your child brings in some spare school uniform for any accidents. 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.

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

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,

Mrs S Lester - EYFS Lead -Robin Class

Expressive Arts and Design

We will join in with songs connected to our topic and perform a Christmas Nativity. We will join in with role play games and imaginative small world play in our themed home corner. We will continue to use different tools and media to create artwork and have opportunities to work together to develop creative ideas. We will be using paint and clay and learn new ways to join materials. We will build models using both construction equipment and recycled materials. We will explore music and dance in lessons and in the outdoor classroom.

Personal and Social Development

Self Regulation

This term we will continue to learn about our feelings and think about ways to overcome problems. We will be embedding our class rules and our school code of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' in order to build respectful relationships.

Managing Self

We will be looking at how we take care of ourselves and our belongings and will begin to change for PE lessons. We will learn how to take care of our classroom and communal areas and take responsibility for our things.

Building Relationships

We will begin to think about what makes us special. We will investigate similarities and difference between our friends. We will focus on being kind and caring for others.

Communication and Language

We promote and encourage children to use their words alongside signs and symbols to communicate effectively, including responding to questions such as "Good Morning, how are you today?" We will be learning new vocabulary linked to our topic and retelling stories through roleplay opportunities. Children will begin to learn why it is important to listen carefully and how to do this when working in a big group and when talking with one friend.
The children will continue to visit the school library and choose books that will develop their vocabulary and will begin to explain why they enjoy some stories.

Homework

We will send phonic flashcards to practise at home and will send books home to be read daily.

Physical Development

Gross Motor

We will continue learning to play co-operation games using equipment such as bats and balls, skipping ropes and a parachute. We will be climbing on outdoor equipment and using the outdoor classroom to develop our skills. In PE we will be learning how to move to music and will create our own dances.

Fine Motor

We will be treading, cutting, weaving, and using playdough to develop our muscles. We will learn how to use tools to effect changes to materials and will learn how to apply pencil pressure when drawing letter shapes correctly.

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Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Past and Present

We will learn about different celebrations and share our own past experiences of these.

People, Cultures and Communities

We will be learning how people around the world celebrate Halloween, Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night, Diwali, and Christmas.

The Natural World

We will learn about Autumn and harvest and collect natural treasure and use it in our learning environment. We will focus on pumpkins and learn about their life cycle.

Mathematics

This term in maths, we will build on our knowledge of number and will be learning how to subitise. We will represent totals in different ways and will compare them. We will be learning the composition of numbers to 5 and will use vocabulary of one more and one less. We will also be learning about circle and triangles and day and night as well as continuing to match, sort and compare size, mass and capacity through our daily lessons and our mathematics provision.

Literacy

Comprehension

We will continue to listen and retell familiar stories with repeated refrains. We will predict and discuss the events and begin to give our own opinions and explain why we enjoy reading them. And recommend our favourite books to our friends. We will sequence familiar stories through the use of pictures and use the vocabulary of beginning, middle and end. We will continue to develop the five key concepts about print: - print has meaning - print can have different purposes - we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom - the names of the different parts of a book.

Word Reading

In our Phonics sessions, we will be learning Phase 2 and 3 sounds from Little Wandle Phonics. We will be learning to recognise graphemes and pronounce the phonemes correctly. We will also be learning how to blend Blend sounds into words, so that we can read short words made up of known letter– sound correspondences. Once we can blend words using the sounds learnt we will begin to read books that are consistent with our phonic knowledge.

Writing

We will be giving meaning to the marks that we make and write for a purpose within our play. We will be learning how to write letter shapes and will continue to write CVC words using our phonic knowledge. We will also continue to write our names with confidence. Our Drawing Club writing this term is inspired by these texts and film clips; Christopher Pumpkin • Remembrance • The Gingerbread Man • Mr. Benn • The Jolly Christmas Postman • T'was The Night Before Christmas • The Nativity.

Enrichment Activities

This term, we will be performing a Christmas Nativity and will also continue to visit the forest area weekly for Friday Forest Fun where we learn through nature.