Kiwi Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Autumn Term 2
2026
Shape Shifters



Heron Class
Mrs A. Ross

Welcome to Year 3 - 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. Children will also have the opportunity to take part in Year 3 Book Club, which will continue with the same books until Christmas.

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 practice of multiplications.

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

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

School website

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

Many thanks,
Mrs Ross and Mrs Williams

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English

In English, children will complete a narrative and non-narrative unit of writing inspired by *Sneezy the Snowman* by Maureen Wright. They will write to entertain and explain, while continuing to develop their use of capital letters and punctuation, including inverted commas for speech. Children will also build on their use of subjects, verbs and conjunctions to form main and subordinate clauses, and use as to introduce subordinate clauses. They will further develop their writing through the use of adverbs for time and manner and the progressive verb.

Maths

In Maths, children will continue to develop their addition and subtraction skills, using practical resources and written methods to solve calculations involving 3-digit numbers with and without exchanges. They will then move on to multiplication and division, developing their understanding of equal groups, arrays, sharing and grouping, and building confidence with multiplication facts and the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Alongside this, they will continue to develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills while building fluency and confidence with number facts.

Science

In Science, children finish their learning on the human digestive system by exploring food chains and recognising producers, predators and prey. They will then move on to states of matter, comparing and grouping materials as solids, liquids and gases. Children will investigate how materials change state when heated or cooled, and use this to explore evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. They will also learn how temperature affects the rate of evaporation and use scientific evidence to answer questions and support their findings.

RE

In RE, children will build on their understanding of spirituality by exploring how art is used across different worldviews to express meaning and belief. They will learn about Islamic teachings on images and how these influence calligraphy, as well as different Christian attitudes to images.

Computing

In Computing, children will finish their learning on the internet before moving on to audio production. They will learn how to capture and edit audio to create a podcast, while also considering copyright. Throughout the term, they will continue developing their understanding of online safety.

Art and Design

In Art, children will explore how different materials can be shaped and joined to create sculptures. They will experiment with a range of materials and tools, study artists including Barbara Hepworth and Sokari Douglas-Camp, and use sketchbooks to plan and develop their own 3D artwork. Children will also talk about their own and others' work using more complex vocabulary.

Music

In Music, children will continue the unit *Hear It! Play It! Exploring Rhythmic Patterns*. They will explore call-and-response phrases, perform rhythmic ostinatos and begin composing and notating rhythms using graphic notation, while developing their performance skills by keeping a steady pulse and working confidently as part of an ensemble.

PE

In PE, children will take part in both indoor and outdoor sessions. In dodgeball, they will develop their ball control, dodging, catching and decision-making skills, while building teamwork and communication. In golf, they will develop their chipping and putting techniques, improve accuracy and control, and learn to play fairly and safely. PE lessons will be on Wednesday and Friday.

Geography

In Geography, children will explore rivers and the water cycle, learning how water moves through the environment. They will name major rivers, identify their features and study a local river to find out how people use it.

PSHE

In PSHE, children will explore valuing differences. They will discuss how people have different needs, interests and opinions, recognise that families and communities can be different, and learn that people living in the UK have different origins. Children will also think about what makes people similar and different, and explore the effects of bullying both online and offline.

Enrichment Activities & Key Dates

11th November - Evening of Remembrance Walk

13th November - Children in Need Day

1st December – Open Box Christmas Panto

11th December – Christingle Service at the Church