

Wiveliscombe Primary School
Curriculum Information

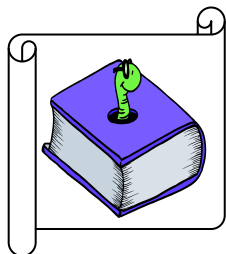
Term	Year
	Reception
	Autumn 2026

Dear parents and carers,

This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term.

SUBJECT	CONTENT
Communication and Language	We will be listening to a range of different stories and start to practise re-telling. Throughout the Autumn term, we will be doing lots to support talking, interacting and listening to strengthen our conversational skills. We will also be exploring how to use talk effectively to help solve conflicts and work out problems. Communication and Language is used constantly throughout all our learning and teaching in Early Years.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	In PSED this Autumn term, we will be covering the topics 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'. The 'Me and My Relationships' topic will be covered in the first Autumn term and will focus on feelings, what makes me special and who are people who can help me. In Autumn term 2, 'Valuing Difference' will be looking into different types of families and homes, ways to be kind and caring and valuing that everyone is special in their own way.
Physical Development	We will be learning how to follow instructions, practise safely and work on simple tasks independently as well as looking at ways we can become increasingly independent at meeting our own care needs, including changing our clothes. Throughout the Autumn term, we will be practising and perfecting our pencil grip and becoming increasingly good with control. In PD, we will be developing movement, coordination and balance through games and dance.
Literacy	In Literacy, we will begin our phase 2 phonic learning, using the scheme 'Bug Club'. We will learn a new set of sounds each week, as well as 'tricky words'. We will begin to start reading phrases and short sentences as the term progresses. Within our writing, we will be learning how to form all letters of the alphabet correctly and begin to independently blend and segment to write short words. We will be listening to a range of stories and recalling key events, characters and settings from within these stories.
Mathematics	In mathematics, we will be exploring numbers to 10. We will be building a deeper understanding of these numbers by composing, comparing and subitising them. We will be using a variety of resources to help with our mathematics learning such as ten frames & counters, numicon, multi-link etc. We will also be practising counting up to 20 and beyond 20. We will begin to use language such as 'more than' and 'fewer than' when comparing quantities. During the term, we will be exploring height, length, weight and capacity as well.
Understanding of the world	We will be covering the changes in seasons and will be exploring our local environment through 'Welly Walks', alongside exploring our garden space in EYFS. We will also be looking at our birthdays and the months of the year. Linking with our 'Amazing Me' topic, we will be talking about members of our families as well as some important roles in society. We will be looking at different types of families and homes and start to be able to describe and create a simple map of our immediate surroundings. Our 'Let's Celebrate' topic will cover some important religious festivals, such as Hanukkah, Diwali and of course, Christmas.
Expressive Arts and Design	We are going to be looking at creating self-portraits throughout the term. When looking at the changing seasons, we will be developing our drawing skills through observational drawing. We will be exploring painting with different mediums. We will be developing their engagement with a range of different role play. Throughout the Autumn term, we will be develop fine motor skills through cutting, sticking and the use of sensory trays. We will also be developing the children's enjoyment of music through singing and listening to different kinds of music and rhymes. Nearer to Christmas, we will be rehearsing and participating in the Nativity Play.

Homework



Literacy

To learn tricky words and common exception words. Children should also be encouraged to write for pleasure at home.



Reading

Please encourage your child to read their school reading book everyday.

Please can your child's book bags be brought into school everyday including their reading book and their reading diary. This means we can read with them in school and change the books when necessary. When you have read with your child, please sign in their reading diary. Their key words will also need to be practised at home and will be changed every Thursday.

Tapestry

Tapestry is a great way to celebrate any learning experiences that the children do at home. We upload all the exciting things we do in school and we would love to see more of what you do at home!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Contact with Miss Constance – Should you have any enquiries, you are always welcome to speak to me outside of the classroom at the beginning and end of the day. Alternatively, you can reach me by emailing the school office: office@wiveliscombprimary.com

Absence - If your child is absent from school, or late due to an appointment, please telephone the school before registration closes at 9:00.

Physical Education - Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school every **Monday**. This should include: black/dark blue shorts, plain house coloured t-shirt, daps or trainers and black/dark blue tracksuit bottoms for colder weather.

Learning outside the classroom - Please can you ensure your child's wellies and waterproof coat are named and in school at all times.

Forest School—Our Forest school session will be on a Wednesday morning. Please bring children into school in their outdoor clothes and wearing school shoes. We will change them into their wellies once in school. They should bring their uniform to change back into for afterwards. Outdoor clothing should consist of clothes that you don't mind them getting dirty and currently, waterproof trousers, hats, scarfs and gloves may be required.

Water bottles—Please send your child in with a named water bottle everyday, containing only water.

Please note that we are a nut-free school and therefore do not permit any items containing nuts.

Please ensure that all clothing, lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly named.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic term ahead of us. Thank you! Miss Constance