



Wiveliscombe Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

Y5

Term

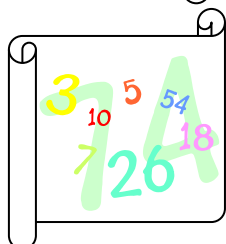
Autumn 2026

Dear Parents

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

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	This term we will focus on a range of fiction and non-fiction genres. We will study character description, balanced arguments, writing in role, newspaper reports, explanatory text, narrative story writing, formal letters and we will learn and compose poetry. Every week, we will be revising and practising grammar structures and complex punctuation which the children will apply and use in their weekly writing. This term, we will be reading a wide range of texts and studying some excellent novels and poems which include The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Street Child and Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf.
Mathematics	In maths this term, we will begin by securing our understanding of place value up to one-million. We will look at placing and ordering digits in the correct positions and being able to identify what each digit represents. We will apply our learning through measures and problem solving. We will then move on to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will use the 'same sum' rule to balance equations and use strategies to help us with our mental calculations. We will focus on a times tables every week and practise daily.
Science	In science this term, we will be learning about Earth and Space. We will be looking at the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system along with describing the movement of the moon relative to the Earth. In addition to that, we will look to explain that the sun is a star and the centre of our solar system and that it has 8 planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.
Computing	This term, we will begin by learning how to keep ourselves safe online by being kind and responsible. We will then move on to use data handling to learn more about the solar system and use multimedia to look at weather forecasts and use data from weather websites to create their own forecast.
Geography	This term, we will be learning about rivers. We will identify the key features of a river and look in detail at the River Tone. We will look at patterns between river formation and erosion and investigate rivers in North America and Europe.
History	We will enjoy learning about the interesting and exciting world of the Victorians. We will be studying what life was like in the Victorian times, what impact the industrial revolution had, what it was like to be rich and poor in Victorian times and we will be looking at the work and achievements of Dr Barnardo.
D & T and Art	We will study romanticism and William Turner and create our own compositions in the style of Turner. In the lead up to Christmas, we will use our sewing skills to design and make our own Christmas soft toys.
RE	Our focus this term will be on the local study of Somerset. We will be looking into what a census is, how, some of the questions asked and how the information collected can be used. Pupils will learn about how a person's beliefs and worldview influence the way they live their lives. In this unit, pupils will look at three lived examples of Hindu Dharma. They will also consider, evaluate and decide how these people's context affects the way they live their lives.
PHSE/RSE	We will focus on relationships and valuing difference. We will focus on our differing emotions and how to manage them and learn why it is important to have mutual respect for people who have different beliefs, cultures and faiths to ourselves. We will also take part in mini police training.
Music	We will listening and learning to sing a variety of songs including, 'What shall we do with the drunken sailor?'. We are going to be learning how to play bass chords and using our bodies as percussion.
Modern Languages	In French, we will be learning about the French speaking world. We will discover the many French-speaking countries, give and follow directions in French and use prompts to ask and answer necessary questions to complete information on a passport.
PE	The first part of the term, we will be looking at the sport of hockey and its rules. We will delve into tactical elements and learn the basic passes, tackling and shooting. Before Christmas, we will be playing football and again looking at all the skill elements as well as the tactical side of defending and attacking.

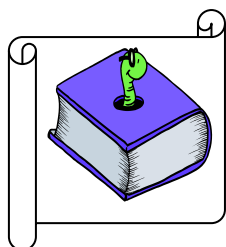
Homework



MATHS

Consolidation of work carried out that week. This is set on Wednesday and due in the following Wednesday.

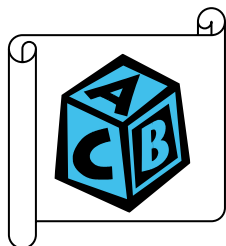
There will be a times tables of the week and children will practise daily in class. They have logins to www.timestables.co.uk where they can practise their times tables at home.



ENGLISH

Grammar and sentence work. Homework tasks should be completed either on the worksheet or the paper provided and should be completed using a sharp pencil. This is set on Wednesday and due the following Wednesday.

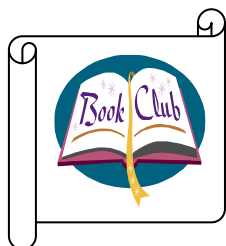
Children should also use this as an opportunity to practise their handwriting.



SPELLING

Children will be given their weekly spellings to learn throughout the week on a Friday ready to be tested on the following Friday

The spelling rule for the week is taught in class.



READING

Regular reading at home is essential. At least 3 times a week for 10 minutes to an adult is preferred with additional independent reading throughout the week.

Reading record books should be signed by an adult when your child has read to you and returned every day with your child's reading book. They will be checked every Monday.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Teacher contact— Should you have any enquiries, you are always welcome to speak with your child's teacher outside of the classroom at the beginning and end of the day. Alternatively, you can reach me by emailing the school office:

office@wiveliscombeprimary.com

Absence - If your child is absent from school, or late due to an appointment, please telephone the school before registration closes at 9:15.

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

Forest School—Our Forest school session will be on a **Wednesday Afternoon**. Please bring children into school in their normal school uniform. We will change them into their wellies and forest school clothes once in school. 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.

Snack—Your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack with them to school for break time. 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 looking forward to a wonderful first term in Year 5.