



Wiveliscombe Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

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Term

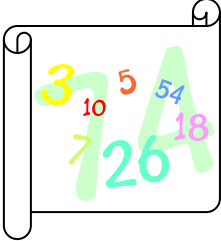
Spring 2025

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 informal letters, information writing, narrative writing, balanced arguments, story retelling, instructions 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 Holes, Firebird and The Jabberwocky. Every week, we will work on our comprehension skills and focus on a different reading objective.
Mathematics	In maths this term, we will begin by securing our understanding of negative numbers. We will make links to everyday contexts; explore addition and subtraction below zero and across zero. We will apply our learning through measures and problem solving. We will then move on to multiplication and division. We will use short multiplication and division to multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers by a single digit. We will then move on to learn about area and perimeter. We will continue to practice arithmetic skills and times tables daily.
Science	We will be learning about forces and investigating the effects of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will move on to learn about living things and their habitats. The children will consolidate and extend previous learning on the life cycles of plants and animals, comparing and describing differences in the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and insects. They will learn how animals and plants reproduce.
Computing	This term, we will begin by learning how to keep ourselves safe online by keeping our personal details safe online. We will then move on to explore the world using Google Earth. We will use the programme scratch to explore and learn programming. We will develop our web detection skills and discuss how information online may not be accurate or reliable.
Geography	This term, we will be learning about coasts. We will begin by learning about ocean currents and gyres and move on to look at the features of coasts and coastal erosion. We will explore how coastlines are protected. We will use a range of different maps, research, diagrams and observations.
History	We will enjoy exploring the history of our local area. We will use both primary and secondary sources of information to learn about the history of Wiveliscombe and the surrounding areas. We will learn about prominent historical figures, events and landmarks in Wiveliscombe and learn how the area has changed over time.
D&T and Art	We will study Islamic art and look at how geometric and repetitive patterns, calligraphy and vegetal patterns are used in Islamic art. We will design and create our own stained glass windows. We will move on to make a moving picture book using different mechanisms.
RE	Our focus this term will be on Judaism. We will learn about the story of Abraham and focus on what Jewish people believe about God and the Covenant and Torah. We will move on to learn about Jewish traditions and festivals such as Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah.
PHSE/RSE	We will focus on keeping ourselves safe and being a good citizen. We will explore risky situations that the children may face in the future and discuss what we should do when faced with a risky situation. We will learn about drug education, including vaping and smoking.
Music	We will start the term by learning about samba music and explore samba rhythm and drumming. We will compose our own rhythms and eventually perform in our own samba class band. We will then move on to the recorders where we will focus on the genre of pop music.
Modern Languages	We will learn to construct high numbers in French, develop food-related vocabulary through games, stories and role-play and build on our understanding of sentence structures, questions and phrases, equipping themselves with language they could use when shopping in France. We will go on to learn how to give and follow directions in French.
PE	We will develop and apply their stance, balance and footwork and then move on to learn and develop shapes and circles and create sequences of movement in dance.

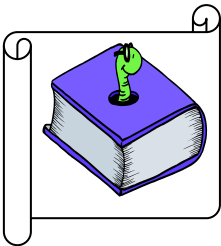
Homework



MATHS

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

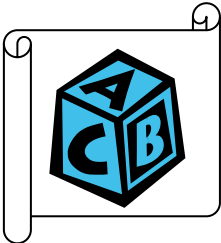
There will be a times tables of the week and children will practise daily in class. They have logins to www.timestables.co.uk where they can practise their times tables at home.



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.

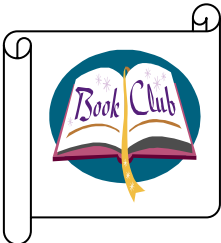
Children should also use this as an opportunity to practise their handwriting.



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 on Mondays.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Contact with Mrs Chesterfield and Ms Vickery – Should you have any enquiries, you are always welcome to speak to Mrs Chesterfield (Monday—Thursday) or Ms Vickery (Friday) outside of the classroom at the beginning and end of the day. Alternatively, you can reach us 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 **Monday and Wednesday**. 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 **Thursday** morning. Please bring children in their forest school clothes with their school uniform in a named bag. 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 another term of wonderful learning!