



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've enjoyed the last two weeks as much as I have. It's always nice to have chance to rest and reset in the middle of a busy term. I have been thoroughly impressed with the children's approach to school and learning during their first half-term in Year 2. They have taken the academic challenge in their stride and continued to impress me all the way through our busy World of Work week.

This coming half-term is packed with fun and opportunities to enjoy our learning. We will be putting on a Nativity Show with Year One and Reception. We will also get to head out to see a pantomime performance of Mother Goose at The Courtyard. We will also be learning about animals and their habitats, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and will even try our hand at simple mechanisms in D&T. More information on what we're studying can be found on our Year 2 Topic Web.

### **Reading**

I have been so impressed with the engagement on BoomReader so far this year. The majority of children have been logging multiple reads each week and this shows in how well their fluency and expression is developing and in the progress they are making. Children will continue with their daily phonics sessions this year and as previously mentioned, by the end of Year 2, they should have completed the RWI Phonics programme in time for their transition to Year 3. Home reading is a crucial part of this alongside consistent attendance. This will allow your children to experience the full benefit of our phonics package. Please ensure your child brings their reading book between home and school each day. Please log your child's home reading on BoomReader. We check this platform daily in class in order to track the children's engagement and celebrate those that are meeting the expectations of regular home reading. The expectation is for children to be reading daily at home – even 5 minutes a day makes a huge difference to progress. If at any point, you require a reminder of your child's BoomReader login, please let me know.

### **Numbots and Times Table Rockstars**



I have also been very impressed with the children's engagement on Numbots. Many children are exceeding the 10-20 minute per week target stated in my previous letter. If you're having any trouble keeping your child motivated with their Numbots journey, please let me know as we can support in multiple ways. Your children's login

for Numbots also works for Times Table Rockstars. This is a platform that specifically focuses on building children's multiplication and division skills. They have all been set specific tables, so should be able to access this with minimal adult support. If you are having any difficulties accessing Numbots, please do let me know.

### **Seesaw**

It was lovely to see how many of your children engaged with the home learning last half-term. Your child will continue to have access to the optional work on Seesaw. This work will align with the topics we are studying in class and should serve as revision of the key skills we're covering in school. It would be lovely to see some more pictures uploaded for the children to share in class. They love sharing their weekend and evening activities with their friends and pictures uploaded to Seesaw are a great way to do this.

### **Morning Snacks**

The government-funded fruit and veg scheme continues in Year 2 providing us with daily fruit and veg snacks for the children. We encourage children to try a variety of fruit snacks in school – each day there are a couple of options for children to choose from. As fruit is provided, there is no need to send your child to school with additional snacks. Please send in a labelled water bottle for your child to use throughout the day.

### **Jumpers and Coats**

As the weather is unpredictable at this time of year, please ensure your child is bringing a jumper and coat each day. Please ensure these items (along with all personal belongings) are clearly labelled so that items come home with children at the end of each day. When items are not labelled, it is difficult to match them up to the correct child.

### **PE**

Our PE day will continue to be on a Thursday this half term, so on that day children will need to come to school in their PE kit. The children will be working on a games unit. This will usually take place indoors however please provide them with suitable clothing for the weather should any of the games require being outdoors.

I'm sure I will get the chance to see all of you over the next half-term. However, please feel free to email me any time with any questions or concerns on [jbull@kingstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:jbull@kingstoneacademy.co.uk).

Kind Regards,



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