



Tuesday 7th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are excited for a busy new year ahead.

### **Learning Jigsaw**

For information about what we are learning in school this half term, please take a look at the learning jigsaw. Our topics this half term are Ancient Greece and Forces; the learning jigsaw will give you an overview of what children will be learning in each subject.

### **PE**

This half term, we will be playing netball in our PE lessons. This will take place on Wednesdays. Children need to come in their PE kits and be prepared for the cold weather that may well continue over the next few weeks. Please make sure children are coming to school with a coat each day.

### **Home Reading**

The expectation is that children read at home a minimum of 4 times a week. Engagement with home reading should be logged on BoomReader – we monitor this daily. Thank you for your support and engagement so far. Please get in contact if there are any issues with this and I'm happy to help resolve these.

### **Times Tables**

Times tables activities will continue to be set on Times Tables Rock Stars with the expectation that these are completed weekly. This is a fun and engaging way for children to improve their speed and fluency which is vital skill in Year 5 and beyond. The class with the most engagement will be celebrated in Celebration Assesmbly each week so please make sure your child gets involved!

If ever there is anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to email me at [cdonald@kingstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:cdonald@kingstoneacademy.co.uk). If you'd prefer a conversation face to face, please catch me at the end of the day or email me so that we can arrange a convenient time.

Kind regards,

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