



Thursday 6th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are having a lovely half-term and that the children are excited and ready for the return to school. We have had an amazing start to Year 5, and I could not be more impressed with the hard work the children have put in. I am really looking forward to Autumn 2 and seeing the further progress that the children will undoubtedly make.

This half-term, we will continue our learning around 'The Explorer'. In Science, we will delve into living things and their habitats; in Design and Technology, we will explore animal toys; in English, we will be writing poetry about the most dangerous animal in the world; and in Geography, we will be embarking on an exploration of rainforests. It promises to be an engaging and enriching experience for all.

I am thrilled to share that all children have engaged wonderfully with the new Accelerated Reader scheme in school, demonstrating remarkable progress. As part of this initiative, the children will continue to take a quiz after each book they have read to test their comprehension skills. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home, as reading is a fundamental skill that will support them across all academic areas. It is an expectation that children in KS2 read a minimum of 4 times a week at home. Please don't forget to log home reading on Boom Reader.

Swimming lessons will also continue this half-term. As you know, swimming is an essential life skill, and it is important that all children participate. Should you or your child have any concerns or queries regarding these lessons, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

I'm pleased to report that the children have made a commendable effort with Times Tables Rock Stars this half-term. Please continue to encourage your child to complete a minimum of 10 minutes a week to keep revising their times tables. The more fluent they are in these, the better equipped they will be to tackle the Year 5 maths curriculum. We will be monitoring their progress daily in class. We will also continue with our weekly spelling checks. The children will have a check on the first Monday back for the words they were given in the last week. If you would like a copy of these emailed to you, please let me know.

I look forward to another successful and enjoyable half-term with your children. If you have any questions or concerns, my email is awood@kingstoneacademy.co.uk. Please feel free to speak to me at the end of the day or send me an email if you need to reach out.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annie Wood'.

Annie Wood
Year 5 Class Teacher