



Monday 5th January 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 6 members,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful break. Year 6 had an amazing start to the academic year, and last term was truly jam-packed with fun, laughter, and learning! I was so proud of the children's hard work and progress, which was evident in their enthusiasm and engagement in class activities.

As we enter the Spring Term, we will be focusing on the value of resilience. This is particularly important as we prepare for the SATs in May. I spend a lot of time discussing this with the children, helping them understand that the SATs should not be a stressful time but rather an opportunity to showcase the skills they have been developing throughout Key Stage 2. We will also regularly talk about the talents and skills that are not measured by the SATs, emphasising that their worth is not defined by test results but by the content of their character.

Learning jigsaw

If you would like to know what topics we are learning about in school this half term, please check out the learning jigsaw which highlights the topics and important features.

PE

This half term P.E will be taught by Miss. Exley on Tuesdays; we have to Gymnastics in the hall where we will explore group dynamics. Even though these sessions will take place in the school hall, the children will still need to wrap up warm for these sessions so please could they wear leggings or jogging bottoms and have a jumper available.

Homework

Please don't forget that you are set weekly homework. These consist of:

- A 10-minute session on TT Rockstars daily or for children who have 'gone green' 10 minutes weekly.
- 15 minutes spelling a week on spelling list found in their Graffiti spelling books
- 4 sessions of 20-minute reading recorded on BoomReader

Please read below for more details:

Reading

In Key Stage 2, reading at home is highly important to ensure children are prepared for the academic demands of our lessons in school. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 4 times a week and record this on Boom Reader. When you get a chance, please check how many home reads have been logged this year. At this point in the academic year, your child should have read around 50 times. Thank you to those of you who regularly engage with this; it really does make such a difference! Your child's log in details remain the same but if you require another copy of these, please let me know.

Spelling

It is important to practise spellings little and often – it helps with so many different areas of the curriculum and improves children's confidence recording their learning. Your child should be very familiar with their Graffiti Spelling book which should be brought between home and school daily. In these books, you will find the weekly homework sheets which provide you with the list of focus spellings which will be tested regularly in class.

TTRockstars

In Key stage 2 children should be able to recall all their times table from 2s – 12s by the end of Year 4, this supports their math's understanding for the upper juniors as well as the transition to high school. 10 minutes per week on the TTRockstars program aids the curriculum in doing this and reinforces their recall of tables. If children in Y5 and Y6 have not 'gone green' on their TTRockstars chart, it is recommended that they practice for 5-10 minutes daily to support them in recalling their tables before they leave primary school.

Things to bring to school each day

- water bottle
- waterproof coat
- PE kit (wear to school on P.E days - Tuesdays)
- Pencil cases (if wanted)
- Graffiti spelling books

Getting in touch

Please feel free to email me at KOCallaghanJames@Kingstoneacademy.co.uk if you have any queries, questions or a message to pass on. If there is anything that you would like to discuss face to face please book an appointment with me directly or via the office.

Kind regards,



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