



Tuesday 7th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! The class had an amazing start to Year 6 and last term was jam-packed with fun, laughter and learning! I was so proud of the children's hard work and progress last term.

We are now entering the Spring Term where the value of resilience will be greatly discussed and modelled as we rehearse methods and strategies for our SATs in May. I spend a lot of time unpicking this with the children so they understand that the SATs should not be a stressful time but rather a 'show off' of their skills they have been learning throughout KS2. We also be regularly discussing the talents and skills that not measured by the SATs and remembering that the children are not measured by the result of a test 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 take a look at the learning jigsaw which highlights the topics and important features.

PE

This half term P.E will be on Tuesdays. We will be doing gymnastics in the hall where we will explore group dynamics. We will also have an external football coach coming in on Tuesday mornings to develop the children's football skills. The children will need to wrap up warm for these outdoor sessions.

Homework

Please don't forget that children in Year 6, in readiness for high school, are set a weekly homework.

This consists of:

- A 10-minute session on TTRockstars daily or for children who have 'gone green,' 10 minutes weekly
- Regular time to rehearse their Year 5 and 6 words in graffiti spelling books
- 4 sessions of 20-minute reading, recorded on BoomReader
- A 20 minute slot on ReadTheory to rehearse comprehension
- Additional paper maths work to support learning in class, given at the end of each unit

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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