

Tuesday 9th January 2024

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Welcome back - I hope you have all had a restful Christmas break and are looking forward to an exciting half-term ahead!



Just a little bit of information about me:

My name is Miss Nicholas and I have been a Reception teacher for 7 years, 5 of those years here at Kingstone. I am also the school SENDCo, so you can discuss with me any concerns you may have about your child throughout their time here at Kingstone. I am so excited to begin my journey with you all and cannot wait to get to know you better. I have some fantastic activities and opportunities planned throughout the year and I will be here to ensure you and your child continue to have a fantastic year in Reception.

Our topic this half term is:

Transport

(See Topic web for more information)

As part of this topic we will be learning about different modes of transport, comparing vehicles of the past and present, and thinking about how important transport is in our everyday lives.

If you would like to take part in our topic at home, you could:

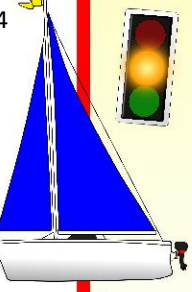
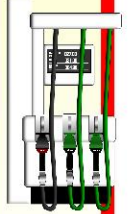
- Look at photos of a time you went on holiday. Think about how long it took you to get there and what mode of transport you used. Could you have used another mode of transport to get there? Why / why not?
- Make a junk model vehicle. You could make a car, plane, submarine, helicopter... use your imagination! To do this you could use things from your recycling.
- We will be looking at lots of different modes of transport, including boats. Fill up a bowl / jug of water and find objects around the house. Do they float or do they sink?
- In the last week of this half term, we will be learning about and celebrating the Chinese New Year which is in the name of the dragon. Can you find out what animal you and your family members were born in the name of?

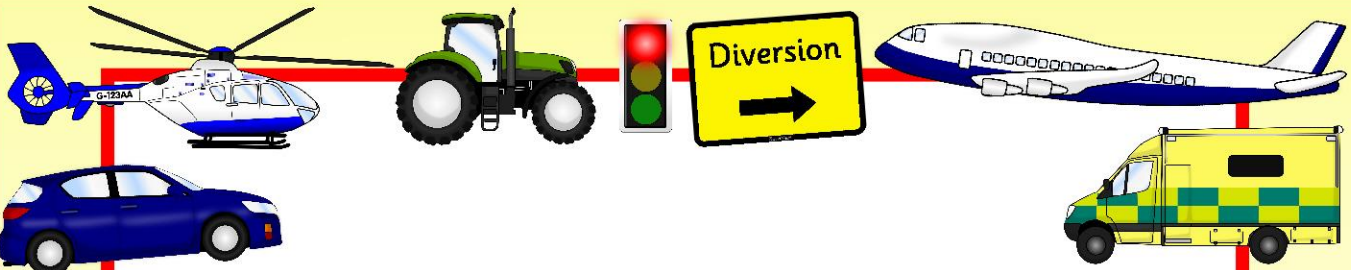


Outdoor Learning Day

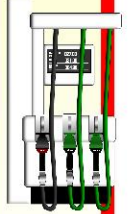
Our Outdoor Learning Day will be **every Thursday** with Mrs Morgan, one of our Forest School Leaders. Children are to come into school wearing their Forest School uniform, consisting of:

- A plain black / navy top
- Black / navy bottoms
- A school branded hoodie/ jumper or plain navy hoodie
- Old trainers – children will swap into their wellies in school at the appropriate time





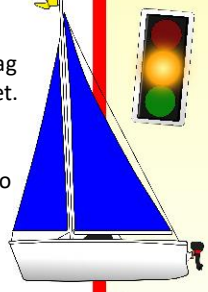
I would like to ask that you ensure children are wearing layers (e.g. tights / leggings / extra top underneath clothing), as well as bringing hats, scarves, and gloves to ensure they are warm whilst they are outside all day. A spare pair of warm forest school clothes in a named plastic bag can also be kept on pegs for children to add layers if they get cold or change into if they get wet.



PE

Our PE day this half term will be a **Tuesday** and our topic this half term is dance. Children are to come into school in their PE kits. This includes:

- Navy / white polo shirt
- School branded hoodie / jumper or plain navy hoodie
- Black / navy bottoms (please ensure they are weather appropriate)
- White / black / navy socks
- Indoor trainers or pumps



Home Reading

Your child will continue to bring home books that they can read themselves using their phonic knowledge. It is so important that your child reads every night to ensure that their phonic knowledge is being put to practice, allowing it to embed into their memory. As you know, there may be some days where children will not change their books so that they can re-read a book they are familiar with. This allows repetition and encourages fluency so please encourage your child to read and be enthusiastic about your child's book whether they have a new book or a book they have read before! I can see that lots of you have been fantastic at using **Boom Reader** to record your child's reading; please keep it up!



Dates to remember:

- Wednesday 31st January - Police visit to Reception class.
- Friday 9th February – School Disco (after school).



I am really looking forward to beginning a new term full of exciting opportunities. I can't wait to hear about all of your festive celebrations and to watch each child progress and thrive through this fun-filled Spring term.

If you have any questions or would like to have a chat to get to know me better, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your support.
Miss Nicholas and the Reception Team.

