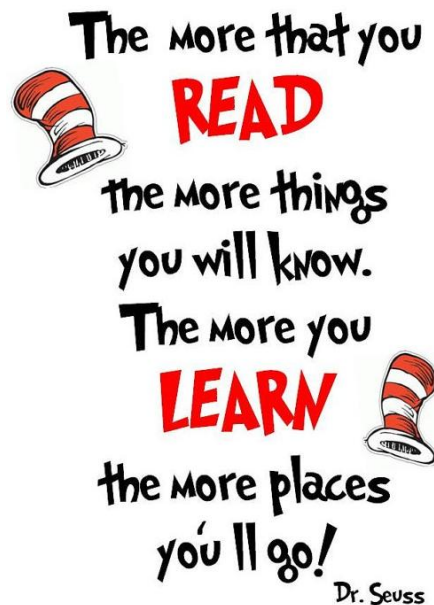




Wednesday 3rd September, 2025.



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your child is excited about their first day at school on Friday. The classroom is ready, and we are looking forward to welcoming the children for their first day very soon.

Here at Kingstone and Thruxton Primary School, we truly value the importance of parents and teachers working together to give our children the best start to their education journey. As your child begins their exciting journey in Reception, one of the most important things you can do to support their learning is to read with them every day. Reading not only helps children develop essential language and literacy skills, but it also sparks their imagination, builds their vocabulary, and strengthens their ability to understand the world around them. Sharing stories together creates a special bonding time and helps children develop a lifelong love of books. At this early stage, even just talking about pictures, turning pages, and listening to the rhythm of language makes a big difference. Your involvement in reading at home is a powerful way to boost your child's confidence and success as they take their first steps in learning to read.

At school we work to inspire children through books and develop a love for reading. From their first week in Reception, children will begin to learn to read. Once they have settled into school life, children will have daily phonics sessions which continue up until the end of Year 2. By this point, children should be able to read independently and fluently. As well as summative assessments throughout the year, at the end of Year 1, children complete a phonics screening assessment to assess the level they are working at. This is an informal assessment with no pressure placed on



the children and is something that they are very used to by this point. This assessment allows us to see the progress made by children from their starting point in Reception.

Phonics Information Evening

To equip you with information, knowledge and ideas for supporting your child with reading at home, we will be holding a phonics information evening on Monday 15th September at 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

During this session we will share information about our Read Write Inc (RWI) programme and explain how we teach phonics at Kingstone. We will also touch upon strategies for supporting reluctant readers. At this event we will introduce you to Boom Reader, an app where children's home reading should be logged and explain a little more about the Year 1 phonics assessment.

We are also holding a session for Year 1 and 2 parents (on Tuesday 16th September). If you have children in Year 1 or Year 2, as well as Reception, there is no need to attend both sessions; please choose whichever suits you best.

We encourage attending this event in order to get an important insight into all things reading as your child begins their educational journey. It is also a great opportunity to meet other parents with children in Reception Class.

If you plan to attend this event, please email me on pperrin@kingstoneacademy.co.uk so that we can prepare adequately for the number of attendees.

Kind regards,

Mrs Paige Perrin

Reception Class Teacher
Phonics Lead

This is a parent event; therefore, we kindly ask that you make childcare arrangements for any children to ensure the smooth running of the evening. If this causes you any issues, please do get in touch.