



Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

## Year 1 Newsletter

**Welcome back, Year 1!**



Welcome to our final half-term of year 1! I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed some time together. It's hard to believe we are already in the last part of the school year. This half-term promises to be a busy and exciting one, filled with learning, creativity, and special milestones as we reflect on the fantastic progress the children have made.

### **Topic**

This half-term, our topic is "Happily Ever After", where we'll be diving into the magical world of traditional tales and fairy stories. The children will explore familiar stories such as The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and Jack and the Beanstalk, while also being introduced to some less well-known tales from around the world. These stories will inspire a wide range of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. We'll be writing our own versions of classic tales, designing and building houses for the Three Little Pigs, and exploring the moral lessons within each story. If you have any fairy tale books at home your child would like to bring in to share with the class, we'd love to see them!



### **Swimming**

Year 1 will be swimming in the final three weeks of this half-term. These will be swimming taster sessions, where the children gain confidence in the water, understand water safety and have fun swimming with their friends! More information on this will follow.



## Phonics Screening

As you are aware, the phonics screening will take place w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June. This is a statutory assessment designed to check children's understanding of phonics - a vital skill that supports their reading and writing development. Over the course of the year, the children have worked incredibly hard in developing their phonics knowledge through daily phonics lessons, small group work, and regular reading practice. We have been continuously reviewing and consolidating all the sounds we've learned. I will be delivering the Phonics Screening Check myself on a one-to-one basis with each child. This ensures a familiar and supportive environment and allows each child to do their very best. Please do let me know if you have any questions regarding this.

## Reading

Reading remains a key focus for us as we move through this final half-term. The children have made excellent progress, and it's been wonderful to see their growing confidence and enjoyment of books. Please continue to support your child's reading at home by listening to them read regularly and encouraging them to talk about what they've read. Asking simple questions about the characters, setting, and events in the story can make a big difference to their understanding.



Remember to record any reading on BoomReader- we love to celebrate those who have read! As always, we will continue to change books regularly in school and provide plenty of opportunities for reading and storytelling in class.

## Numbots

We've also been working hard to build quick recall of number facts and improve fluency in maths. Please continue to encourage your child to use Numbots regularly at home - even 5-10 minutes a few times a week can make a real difference. It helps to build speed, accuracy, and confidence with number, all of which are important as we prepare for Year 2. If you need a reminder of your child's login details, please let me know and I'll be happy to resend them.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to speak with me further, please do not hesitate to contact me at [esmith@kingstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:esmith@kingstoneacademy.co.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith and the Year One team