



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Year 1 Welcome Letter

Welcome back, Year 1!



It has been so lovely to get to know your children in the weeks before the Easter Break. I am looking forward to teaching them for their final term in Year 1!

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break and are looking forward to the next few weeks of learning challenges. We have lots of brilliant things planned for this half-term and I can't wait to get stuck in!

### Topic

Our new topic is 'Under the Sea'. We will be reading fiction texts linked to our topic, such as 'The Snail and the Whale', by Julia Donaldson, and 'Rainbow Fish', by Marcus Pfister. We will be thinking about trips to the seaside, sea animals, and how plastic is impacting sea life. Please see our topic web to find out the specific learning across each topic area.



### PE

PE lessons will take place every **Tuesday**. Your child will need to come dressed in their PE kit ready for activities and stay in their kit all day.



### Reading

Please continue to read with your children at home and record this on Boom Reader. The best way to support your children with their reading progression, is regular reading at home. I check Boom Reader daily, and we celebrate the children who have read the previous night. I have sent home Boom Reader logins; in case some have been misplaced.



### Phonics screening

The phonics screening will take place w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June (first week back after May half-term). We have been preparing for the screening over the previous months, and always make the preparations fun so the children don't see it as a 'test'! The children have completed several practices, and we have been running targeted support groups to close any gaps in knowledge. I will speak with parents individually regarding any specific support I feel would be beneficial at home. Please continue regular reading at home to support your child. If you have any questions about the screening, please do let me know.

**Named Clothing**

We do our very best to ensure all children leave the building with the correct items that they brought to school. To help with this, we ask parents name all items of clothing, so we can get them back to the correct homes at the end of the day.

**Mud Kitchen**

We are really excited to be enhancing the Year 1 outdoor area over the coming weeks, and we would particularly love a mud kitchen for the bottom of the balcony. If there are any handy parents out there up to the challenge of whipping up a mud kitchen out of any palettes/spare materials you have at home, please do let me know. This would be hugely appreciated by the children!

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 1 Team