



Monday 5th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've taken the time to rest and recover over the Christmas break after an incredibly busy half-term. I wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you for your support as parents. Whether it is attending our performances and showcases or logging on BoomReader, I can always count on the Year 2 team of parents to show how brilliant they are.

This coming half-term is going to be a busy one. We will be stepping up our learning and pushing our academics further than before. This is going to be evident in our Maths learning more than anywhere else as we will start the first steps towards developing a more formal understanding of multiplication and division.

Reading

You continue to impress me with the number of home reading logs I see each week. We have a number of pupils who are averaging 5+ logs each week. This effort from you and your children is clear to see as we have a large portion of the class making excellent progress through the RWI phonics Programme that we follow as a school. If you're not able to hit the target or 3-4 reads each week or you're just struggling to get your child to read at home, please let me know. There are a number of strategies we can put in place to support with this. If at any point, you require a reminder of your child's BoomReader login, please let me know and I can produce them for you.

Numbots and Times Table Rockstars



As we will be looking at multiplication and division this half-term, now would be a really good time for your children to become more familiar with Times Table Rockstars (TTRS). The login details are exactly the same as Numbots and most children will have experience with TTRS from their time in school. It is important to

note that it is still important to encourage your children to access and complete story mode in Numbots alongside their TTRS homework as each platform addresses different maths skills. The classes compete for a TTRS trophy each week and this is based on how many children complete 10 minutes of garage on TTRS. Garage may be difficult at first, but please encourage them to persevere as the system is set so that it will focus on the calculations they're struggling with the most.

Seesaw

There will be more optional work added to Seesaw this half-term. There is no expectation to complete this as it is just there to supplement and revise the work we have already done in class. Please also use Seesaw as a method of sharing fun days out and experiences with

me and the class through photos and videos. If you upload them, I can share them with the class during show-and-tell.

Morning Snacks

The government-funded fruit and veg scheme continues in Year 2 providing us with daily fruit and veg snacks for the children. We encourage children to try a variety of snacks in school – each day there are a couple of options for children to choose from. Please also send in a labelled water bottle for your child to use throughout the day.

Jumpers and Coats

As the weather is unpredictable at this time of year, please ensure your child is bringing a jumper and coat each day. Please ensure these items (along with all personal belongings) are clearly labelled so that items come home with children at the end of each day. When items are not labelled, it is difficult to match them up to the correct child.

PE

Our PE day will continue to be on a **Thursday** this half term, so on that day children will need to come to school in their PE kit. The children will be working on a gymnastics unit, so please send them to school in weather appropriate PE kit that they can move freely while wearing.

I'm sure I will get the chance to see all of you over the next half-term. However, please feel free to email me any time with any questions or concerns on jbull@kingstoneacademy.co.uk.

Kind Regards,



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