



Wednesday 27th August 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a restful summer break and are all looking forward to the new academic year as much as I am. We will begin our year with a range of exciting topics; you can find out more about these by looking at the Topic Web.

As children move from Year 1 to Year 2, the learning becomes a little more formal. In Reception and Year 1, the children learn through continuous provision and in Year 2 we move to whole class lessons. In the Summer Term of Year 1, children began this transition in order to get used to the more grown-up style of learning. That said, it certainly won't all be learning in our seats - there is still plenty of time for hands-on learning both inside and outside of the classroom! I can't wait to get started.

Reading

Reading continues to be of the upmost importance in Year 2. Children will continue with their daily phonics sessions this year. By the end of Year 2, children should have completed the RWI Phonics programme in time for their transition to Year 3. In order to achieve this, engagement with phonics session and reading daily at home are crucial. Please ensure your child brings their reading book between home and school each day. Please log your child's home reading on Boom Reader. We check this platform daily in class in order to track the children's engagement and celebrate those that are meeting the expectations of regular home reading. Your child's log in details remain the same but if you require another copy of these, please let me know.

Numbots



Numbots is a fantastic tool that we buy into as a school to support children with their key maths skills. It offers a fun way to develop crucial early arithmetic skills. We notice that the children who spend 10-20 minutes a week practising on Numbots are generally the children who feel more at ease in our Maths lessons and display their knowledge and skills more consistently. Your child had a log in last year and this remains the same. If you are having any difficulties accessing Numbots, please do let me know.

Seesaw

Your child will continue to have access to their Seesaw account; their login details remain the same. On here, optional homework activities will be posted, should children wish to do some learning at home. This is also a platform where children can upload any other learning they have done, share any out of school achievements or post photos from an exciting trip that they would like to share with school. This platform will also be used for setting work for

any children who are away from school for an extended period and require learning to complete from home.

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 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 dance unit, so please ensure their PE kit allows them to move freely and comfortably.

Forest School/Outdoor Learning

We are lucky enough to be able to spend time accessing our Forest School and outdoor provision on a **Monday** this half-term. We will be heading outside in all weathers, so please ensure that children come to school in a suitable number of layers for the weather. A reminder that Forest School uniform is the same as school PE kit. Children are welcome to bring wellies/boots in a named bag each week, or they can bring a named pair to leave in school for the term.

On Tuesday 9th September I will be holding an open classroom 'Meet the Teacher' event. This will be straight after school at 3:20pm. It is an opportunity for you to meet me and see the classroom – it's also a chance to ask any questions you may have and learn more about life in Year 2.

I will catch up with each of you over the next half-term to check in and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. However, please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns on jbull@kingstoneacademy.co.uk.

Kind Regards,



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