



Thursday 6th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful half term break and that your child is excited for another busy and exciting half term ahead in the lead up to Christmas. I am so impressed with how all the children have settled into Year 3 so far. I am thoroughly enjoying teaching the class and hope they've also enjoyed their start to the year.

Learning Jigsaw

For information about what we are learning in school this half term, please take a look at the Learning Jigsaw. This document will give you an overview of what we will be learning in each of the subjects. Our topic this half term is Earthquakes, which we will be exploring in our Geography lessons. The class will also be continuing to learn how to play the Ukelele in their weekly lessons delivered by a visiting music teacher.

PE

This half term, PE will take place on Monday. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in the correct school PE kit. We will be learning gymnastics this half term which will take place indoors in the school hall.

Home Reading

As it was in Year 2, reading at home in Year 3 is highly important. Reading at home regularly means children are better prepared for the greater academic demands that come with being in a Key Stage 2 classroom. It is important that children are reading at home a minimum of 4 times a week. Please log your child's home reading on BoomReader. 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.

Spellings

It is important to practise spellings little and often – it helps with so many different areas of the curriculum and will consolidate and build upon your child's developing phonics knowledge. Your child should be very familiar with their Graffiti Spelling book which should be brought between home and school daily. In these books, you will find the Year 3 spelling list and weekly focus words which children can practise writing in creative and colourful ways.

Times Tables

Times Table activities will continue to be set on Times Tables Rock Stars. This is a fun and engaging way for children to improve their speed and fluency. Please encourage your child to practise regularly at home as repetition little and often is the best way of improving speed and fluency.

Morning Snacks

All children have time to eat a piece of fruit or veg and have a drink of milk (if ordered) or water during morning break. Please ensure that the only snack sent in for breaktime is a piece of fruit or veg. All children need to bring their own named water bottle to school each day to keep themselves hydrated.



Belongings

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled: drinks bottles, lunchboxes, jumpers and hoodies. This makes it far easier to reunite children with their items should they leave them somewhere around school. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Getting in touch

Thank you for all of your support so far. It was fantastic to talk to so many of you about how your child is getting on in Year 3 at our last parent's evening. If you ever have any queries, questions or messages, please feel free to email me at cdonald@kingstoneacademy.co.uk. If there is anything that you would like to discuss face to face, please email me so that we can arrange a convenient time. News about what is going on in school will also continue be shared on the school website and Facebook pages.

I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.

Kind regards,



Cherry Donald
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