



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and that your child is ready for an exciting year ahead as they start their journey in Key Stage 2! I cannot wait to help the children settle into Year 3 and see all that they will achieve this year. During this first term, the class will also be learning how to play the Ukelele. Children will have weekly lessons delivered by a visiting music teacher. Children will be given their own ukelele to use for the duration of these sessions. It's going to be a great year!

### **Learning Jigsaw**

For information about what we are learning in school in our first 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 first topic of the year is the Stone Age, which we will be learning about in both History and English lessons.

### **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 practising ball game skills and lessons will sometimes take place outside, so please make sure your child arrives with plenty of layers to keep warm, particularly as the weather gets colder.

### **Home Reading**

In Year 3, the importance of reading continues. As children move into Key Stage 2 (Year 3) the academic demands get a little greater; reading regularly at home will support children with rising to this and help them with accessing the academic demands of 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 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.

### **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. Now that your child is in Year 3, they will have a Graffiti Spelling book. Your child should bring their Graffiti Spelling book between home and school each day, along with their reading book. In this, children can write out their spellings in creative and colourful ways. I will explain to children how these should be used and will also share this with you at our meet the teacher event.

### **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.

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### **Times Tables**

Times Table activities will 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 regularly. At the end of Year 4, all children in Year 4 across the UK sit a National Multiplication Check Assessment. This is done on a computer and is very similar to a TT Rockstar game. By the time of the assessment (end of Year 4) children are expected to know all of the multiplication facts from the 1-12 times table. I can't wait to celebrate the children's times table achievements as they progress through the year.

### **Morning Snacks**

All children have time to eat a piece of fruit or veg and have a drink of milk or water during morning break. Please ensure that the only snack sent in for breaktime is a piece of fruit or veg. Milk, provided by school, will need to be ordered and paid for in advance - please contact the admin office if you wish for your child to have milk. 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**

I will be in contact regularly to share with you what we are doing in school. Please feel free to email me at [cdonald@kingstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:cdonald@kingstoneacademy.co.uk) if you have any queries, questions or a message to pass on. 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 be shared on the school website and Facebook pages. Over the coming days we will post some photos on the Facebook page of the classroom so that children can see their new learning space and get excited about the adventure ahead.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 3.

I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CD' or 'Cherry Donald'.

Cherry Donald  
Year 3 Class Teacher