



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 have had an amazing start to life in Year 5, with positive attitudes towards learning both at home and at school. The children's engagement with home learning has really impressed me, and I am looking forward to seeing this continue into the new half term.

This half term, Year 5 have lots of exciting learning and experiences planned across the curriculum. Children will be developing their writing through narrative and review writing, exploring North America in Geography, taking inspiration from George Braque in Art, and investigating Earth and Space in Science. It is going to be an exciting half term!

### **PE**

Children will have PE on Thursdays this half term, where we will be focusing on dance. Please ensure children come to school in their PE kit on a Thursday.

### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

Children will continue to use their times tables daily this term. These are extremely important, especially as we continue to learn and apply short multiplication and division methods in class. Please continue to encourage your child to complete a minimum of 10 minutes of practise each week to support ongoing revision. Although many children are confident with their times tables, regular practise remains important, as increased fluency will better equip them for future learning.

### **Reading**

In Key Stage 2, reading at home is highly important to ensure children are prepared for the academic demands of our lessons in school. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of four times a week and record this on Boom Reader. When you have a chance, please check how many home reads have been logged this year. At this point in the academic year, your child should have read around 72 times. Your child's login details remain the same, but if you require another copy, please let me know.

## Spelling

It is important to practise spellings little and often, as this supports many areas of the curriculum and improves children's confidence when recording their learning. 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 weekly homework sheets, which provide the list of focus spellings that will be quizzed regularly in class.

I am looking forward to another amazing half term with your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to me at the end of the day or contact me via email at [awood@kingstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:awood@kingstoneacademy.co.uk).

Best wishes,



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