



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Annie Wood, and I am thrilled to be teaching your child in Year 5 this year. After spending the Summer Term at KTPS in Year 3, I cannot wait to dive into this new academic year with your children. We have a busy and fun-filled year ahead of us, with lots of exciting topics and opportunities to look forward to.

This year, your child will be part of a Year 5 team consisting of myself and Miss Evans. We are both enthusiastic about the adventures that lie ahead, and we are committed to providing a warm and engaging classroom environment for all.

We will start Year 5 by reading the book *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. This exhilarating adventure, set in the Amazon jungle, will not only captivate the children's imaginations but also serve as a springboard for our Geography and Art lessons. In Autumn 1, we will be focusing on South America and the Amazon Basin, followed in Autumn 2 by a study of Rainforests. In Art, we will take inspiration from the artist Joseph Cornell, whose work features exotic birds. The children will explore drawing techniques while creating their own artwork inspired by Cornell's themes.

We are very excited about our trip to the Isle of Wight this year. There is a fun-filled itinerary planned, which includes a sweet-making workshop, an immersive Victorian experience, and a visit to the Donkey Sanctuary. As we move through the year, we will have lots of discussions about the trip and what to expect so that those attending can feel confident and excited about their time away. For those not going, there will be a fun activity schedule planned.

I am delighted to share that our classroom has undergone some exciting transformations over the holiday, including a dedicated reading corner designed to promote reading for pleasure. I am confident that this space will encourage the children to delve into their favourite stories and help foster a lifelong love of reading.

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.

Our PE lessons will be taught by Miss Exley on Tuesdays this half term. Please ensure your child is wearing the appropriate PE kit, which should consist of navy or black shorts, a plain white or navy t-shirt or navy academy polo shirt, a navy academy hoodie, white, black or grey socks and trainers. If your child wears small stud earrings, these will need to be taped or removed for safety during PE.

Reading and home learning play a vital role in your child's educational journey. I will be encouraging all the children to read, use their Graffiti Spelling books and engage with Times Tables Rock Stars at least four times a week at home each. Research shows that reading for pleasure can improve wellbeing and build relationships, making it a valuable part of their daily routine. Being able to read independently and fluently is of huge importance, particularly as your child is now in Upper Key Stage Two. 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.

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.

Throughout the year you will be able to keep informed of what is happening in the classroom by reading the website news updates. We will also regularly update the school Facebook page and keep you informed with messages and news in the weekly newsletter. Over the next few days, we will be sharing some photos of the classroom so that children have a 'sneak peek' of their new learning environment.

On Monday 8<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 5.

I look forward to working closely with you to ensure a successful and enjoyable year for your child. My email is [awood@kingstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:awood@kingstoneacademy.co.uk). Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,



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