



Thursday 6th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful break and are ready to return to school for a busy Autumn 2! I was so proud of all the hard work last half term and the fantastic work that children produced as a result. They showed great learning attitudes and have thrown themselves into Year 6 life!

This letter is a recap of all the information you need and a chance to highlight any changes made for this next half term.

Learning jigsaw

If you would like to know what topics we are learning about in school this half term, please check out the Learning Jigsaw which highlights what children will be learning about in each subject.

PE

This half term children will be doing dance in P.E. These sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings and children should come in PE kit on this day each week. Please ensure children's sports footwear is suitable for in the hall.

Homework

In preparation for high school, in Year 6 children are set weekly homework. This consists of:

- A 10-minute session on Times Table Rockstars (TTR)

10 minutes a week keeps children up to date with their tables and rehearses their recall. 10 minutes is targeted at those children to have 'gone green' shown by their gig results that are sent home each half term. If they are not green in all tables, it is recommended that children spend 5 minutes per day on TTR.

- Spelling words in their graffiti spelling books

Spelling are rehearsed each English lesson as a flashback activity where spelling rules are explored. This list is issued to children on Friday morning should be practised ready for the following Friday where there will be a spelling quiz. Spellings should be rehearsed in graffiti books. Children's scores from the spelling quiz are recorded in these books.

- 4 sessions of 20-minute reading recorded on BoomReader

A child at age 10 or 11 will progress more with their reading if they read in intervals of 20 minutes. We recommend that children read 4 times a week to support their reading. This does not have to be a school book, it should be something they love to read and at this age, children do not need to be heard read each time by an adult. Children are welcome, and encouraged, to log their own reading on BoomReader now that they are in Year 6.

Things to bring to school each day

- water bottle
- waterproof coat
- Pencil case (optional)
- Graffiti spelling book
- Reading book

Getting in touch

Please feel free to email me at KOCallaghanJames@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 book an appointment with me directly or via the office.

I can't wait for another jam-packed fun-filled half term, in the lead up to Christmas!

Kind regards,



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