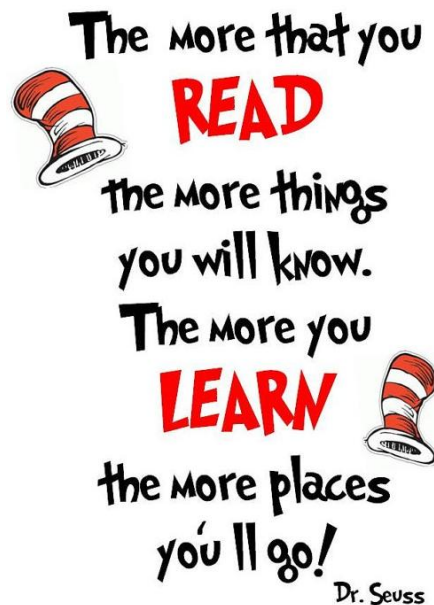




Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2025.



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your child has enjoyed their first day in their new class.

We hope you will agree that here at Kingstone and Thruxton Primary School we truly value the importance of parents and teachers working together to give our children the best start to their education journey, particularly through their infant years.

As your child moves into their next class, one of the most important things you can do to support their learning is to read with them every day. Reading not only helps children to develop essential language and literacy skills, but it also sparks their imagination, builds their vocabulary, and strengthens their ability to understand the world around them. Sharing stories together creates a special bonding time and helps children develop a lifelong love of books. Your involvement in reading at home is a powerful way to boost your child's confidence and success as they take their next steps towards becoming confident and fluent readers.

At school we work to inspire children through books and develop a love for reading. Since joining us in Reception, children have had daily phonics sessions – these continue up until the end of Year 2. By this point, children should be able to read independently and fluently. Children's phonics knowledge is regularly assessed, and children move through the phonics groups as their knowledge and skills develop.



### **Phonics Information Evening**

To equip you with information, knowledge and ideas for supporting your child with reading at home, we will be holding a phonics information evening on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

During this session we will share information about our Read Write Inc (RWI) programme and give a refresher on how we teach phonics at Kingstone. We will also touch upon strategies for supporting reluctant readers. We will also explain a little more about the Year 1 phonics assessment.

We are also holding a session for Reception parents (on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September). If you have a child in Reception, as well as in Year 1 or 2, there is no need to attend both sessions; please choose whichever suits you best.

We encourage attending this event in order to get an important insight into all things reading as your child continues their educational journey.

If you plan to attend this event, please email Miss Smith if your child is in Year 1 ([esmith@kingstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:esmith@kingstoneacademy.co.uk)) or Mr Bull if your child is in Year 2 ([jbull@kingstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:jbull@kingstoneacademy.co.uk)) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September so that we can prepare adequately for the numbers attending.

Kind regards,

Miss Smith, Ms Wilson and Mr Bull

***This is a parent event; therefore, we kindly ask that you make childcare arrangements for any children to ensure the smooth running of the evening. If this causes you any issues, please do get in touch.***