



Welcome to Tintern

Autumn Term 2 Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful half term break. Your children have been settling in wonderfully to the routines of Tintern and Kirkstead. We have seen some wonderful learning.

Drop off/Pick Up

Drop off/Pick Up The KS1 gate will be open **at 8.35am**. Please bring your child straight to the classroom door where their teacher will be waiting for them. At collection - the KS1 gate will be opened at **3:10pm** and the children will be collected from the classroom door at **3.15pm**.

Topic

For the first term, our topic is, '**After Dark**'. The children will be finding out about celebrations and recognising that people celebrate special times in different ways.

We will also be listening and retelling stories using puppets and props..

If your child has any books related to our topic, fiction or non-fiction, and they wouldn't mind sharing them with the class, please send them in.



Reading and Phonics

The children will be taught daily phonics using our fantastic scheme Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. Alongside our phonics scheme, we have a range of **fully decodable** reading books that your child will read in school and at home. These phonics books will include sounds that your child has learnt and they will have shared the book with an adult in school before they bring it home.

In addition to the phonics book, they will also take home a 'sharing' book that they will **not** be able to read independently and is designed to be shared with a grown-up. They may, of course, choose to read something they have at home for this instead.

Phonics books will be sent home on a **Friday**. Please return them on the following **Friday**. The books are a valuable resource and we kindly ask that you keep the books in good condition so they last as long as possible. Sharing books will be changed on a **Monday and Wednesday**.

Please remember that your child has a 'Home School Record' with their reading books for yourself and us to record when your child has read. Please ensure that it is in school **every day**. Dojo points are awarded for daily reading, but only if the home school record is signed. If the home school record is not signed, or if the book is not returned to school, your child will not be able to choose a different book.

Mathematics

We will be learning to identify different representations of 1, 2 and 3 and we will be learning to match the number names we say to numerals and quantities. We are going to be beginning to understand one more and one less when we count. We are looking at how all numbers are made up of smaller numbers. We will be beginning to understand the composition of 2 and 3 and learning all about numbers 4 and 5 by counting on and back, matching the number name to the numeral and quantity. We will be comparing sets, recognising which ones have more and which have fewer items. We will be using a five frame to represent '5'.



P.E.

PE will take place every week on **Tuesday**. Please send your child to school in their PE kit. Due to the timing slot of PE for our Reception children they will not be required to change back into a school uniform and will stay in PE kit for the duration of the day.

All of your child's school uniform, shoes and PE kit must be **named**. The P.E kit should be appropriate for indoor and outdoor P.E and should consist of a **white t-shirt and black shorts**.

Forest School

The children will be taking part in weekly outdoor Forest School sessions and they will **need to have clothing appropriate to the weather**. This should consist of named waterproofs and wellies or boots. This clothing will be kept at school until the end of the term.



Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday in the homework folder and it is expected to be back in school on the following Thursday. The children will receive a phonics home learning task every week.

Fruit and Water

The children will be given a healthy snack (piece of fruit) each day. We encourage drinking water regularly so please send your child in with fresh water every day in a named water bottle.

Picking up after school

If someone other than the usual person will be picking up your child after school, please let us know. Thank you.

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