



Tintern Class Year 1s

Spring Term 2 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your child/children have all had a relaxing half-term and that they are looking forward to returning to class and a term full of fun and learning!

Drop off/Pick Up

The day will continue as normal with the children coming in through the KS1 gate which will be open at **8.35am**. Please bring your child to the KS1 playground. The bell will ring at **8.40am**, at which point the children will line up in their classes and be led inside by their class teacher for the register. The KS1 gate will then be opened at **3:10pm** and the children will be collected from the classroom door at **3.15pm**.

Geography

In Geography this term our topic is 'Journey'. The children will be looking at the local area, finding significant places on a map and learning to use a compass. We will be discovering all about local journeys and beyond-using place knowledge, maps, key human features of the local and wider area.



Science

In Science, we will be extending our learning about materials. The children will explore comparing and grouping different materials. We will look at different properties of materials and being able to group materials by their properties. We will be investigating which materials sink and float and how to select an appropriate material for a purpose.

Art

In art this term we will be discovering "Landscapes". We will be looking at artists such as Claude Monet and Jean Metzinger. We will be exploring whether we can paint a picture of the school grounds and creating lots of wonderful landscape pieces and a mosaic.



Reading and Phonics

The children will be taught daily phonics using our fantastic scheme Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. The children will come home with their phonics books on a **Friday**, and these 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. As a result of this, your child should be able to read it independently. 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.

Little Wandle books will be sent home on a Friday. Please return the book on the following **Friday**. The books we have purchased 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**. **These are provided by myself and I would appreciate them being returned.**

Every child will have a 'Home School Record' with their reading books for yourself to record when your child has read. 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.

P.E.

PE will continue to take place every week on **Tuesday**. Please send your child to school in their PE kit with their school uniform and school shoes in a separate bag ready to get changed into after PE. All 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**. **Now that the weather is colder a navy/black hoodie and sports trousers are also permitted.**

Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday in the homework folder and is expected back in school on the following Thursday.

Fruit and Water

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

Wednesdays -

On a Wednesday morning the class will still be covered by Ms Wilkin. Any messages you need to send to staff on a Wednesday morning should be sent to her or Miss Rogers through MCAS.

Picking up after school

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

Kind regards,

Ms Suddards-Street and Miss Rogers