



Tintern Class Receptions Spring Term 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your child/children have all had a relaxing Christmas break and that they are looking forward to returning to their learning. This letter will reiterate the Kirkstead routines with you for our Reception children who will be learning in the Kirkstead classroom and joined by Tintern staff regularly.

Drop off/Pick Up

The day will start 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. For this first week, you are initially invited to bring your child through the classroom and help them find their coat peg and tray before saying your goodbyes. Then the KS1 gate will be opened at **3:10pm** and the children will be collected from the classroom door at **3.15pm**.

Topic

This term, our topic is, **'To Infinity and Beyond'** and the children will be experiencing the awe and wonder of space in a pop-up planetarium. They will be learning about space, space travel and learning the different planet names through reading books, watching videos and singing songs. We will be starting by reading the book 'Whatever Next'. The children will also be creating rockets with different materials, starting by creating rockets using 2D shapes.

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**.

Every child will have 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

This term the children will be using their perceptual subitising skills and developing their skills of visualising arrangements and quantities up to 7. There will be lots of use of dice patterns for number and playing track games. The children will build on their number bond knowledge and explore representing quantities in different ways. There will be lots of opportunities for counting different objects and actions. The children will also be ordering numbers. The children would also gain valuable skills from playing board games with dice at home, being encouraged to count and being given opportunities to find and name different numerals too.



P.E.

PE will 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 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. **Please can you include extra layers, plus a warm hat and gloves too due to the current weather we are experiencing.**

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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