



Tintern Spring 1 Newsletter

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a brand-new term! I hope you had an enjoyable break and a lovely Christmas.

To Infinity and Beyond!

Our topic this term is one of my favourites and will be all about space! We will be reading many space stories including *Man on the Moon* and *Beegu* and using these to develop our story writing skills. We will learn about the different planets, the Space Race and some famous astronauts in our history. In Science, we will be thinking about different materials and which materials are most suitable for a task, e.g. for a space rocket! Last term Year 1 children learnt many new Design and Technology skills making vehicles; we will continue to develop these skills this term by making space rockets.

Timings

There have been some changes to our school day.

- 8:35 am Gates open
- 8:40 am School doors open
- 8:45 am Lessons start
- 3:10 pm Gates open
- 3:15 pm Collection time

This will be from our first day back on Wednesday 4th January.

Reading and Homework

The children have made outstanding progress in reading so far this year! Please continue to keep reading with your child as much as possible at home, and don't forget to sign the home school record when you do.

Just a reminder that your child's **phonics book** is the book your child has been reading in school and should be able to read independently. The book they bring home is a 'sharing' book that they will not be able to read independently and is designed to be shared with you. Your child will receive **one** phonics book every **Friday** and the opportunity to take home **two** 'sharing' books per week on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. They may, of course, choose to read something they have at home for this instead.

The Year 1 children will continue to receive one piece of Mathematics **or** one of English/phonics homework each week, which will alternate. Reception children will continue to receive a phonics task. Homework is given out each **Friday** in the homework folder and is expected back in school on the following **Thursday**.

P.E.

PE will continue to take place every week on **Monday**. Our first session will be Monday 9th January. Please can all PE kits be back in school by then. All of your child's 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**.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us via ClassDojo if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,
Mrs Knighton and Mrs Kemp

