

5th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to continue our learning journey this term. Here are a few reminders:

Topic and Learning

We will continue with our overarching topic of 'Bright Lights, Big City', but we will be using The Great Fire of London as a stimulus for our History, English and DT work. Children also have regular learning of RE, PE, Computing, Music, Science, Maths and PSHE lessons.

Reading

Children in Tucana class will continue to change their library books every Wednesday and each book will be recorded in their reading diaries. If children do not finish their book, then they can keep it for longer. If you read with your child please write a comment in their reading record so the adults in the class know they have been reading at home. In the front of the reading diary there are some suggestions to support you when reading with your child at home. In Year 1 and 2, children build on their comprehension skills and it is important to continue this learning at home. Reading records will be checked on Mondays and Fridays, and if your child has read 3 times or more in the week, they will receive a gold star to encourage reading.

Spelling

In Tucana we are using a scheme for spellings which follows Phonics learning. These will be assigned on Fridays and checked a week later. It is expected that children practise these at home and they will go home in their spellings folder with a 'look, cover, write, check' sheet for home use. We will also be learning new spelling rules in both phonics and spelling sessions during the school day.

Phonics

Daily phonics sessions for all Year 1 and some Year 2 children in school will focus on certain sounds in Phase 3 and Phase 5 of phonics. It is taught in single year groups. Phonic books will be changed on Mondays by Mrs Evans. If children have read these through the week, they may be changed again by Miss Crocker on a Friday for reading at home over the weekend.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle labelled with their name in school. They should take it home daily and bring it back the next day. It is helpful if it is transparent so we can monitor how much water children have drunk during the day. Please be aware, we often refill them so if the water bottle is quite full at home time, it is likely to be a refilled bottle.

Milk and Snack

You can order fruit and a cup of milk at break times. Milk is 25p a day and fruit is 14p a day. This can be booked via MCAS under products. If your child wishes to bring in their own snack, please can this be in a labelled box. It needs to be a healthy snack with no nuts in please and grapes/tomatoes etc need to be sliced in half to minimise choking risk. The same applies to packed lunches.

PE

Our PE days will now be on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Children must have PE kit in school on these days. PE kits should stay in school until the end of the term, when they will be sent home. If PE kits get muddy we will send them home to be washed. If your child has a sports club in the week, they will not get changed before pick up at 4.30pm. They will go home with their uniform in their PE bag. Please make sure this is returned in time for their next PE lesson.

Staffing

Ms Evans will continue teaching from Monday to Wednesday and Miss Crocker Thursday to Friday and alternate Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Lawton will teach PE on Wednesday afternoons.

Easter

We have an Easter bonnet parade on Thursday 26th March wear children can bring in a bought or homemade Easter bonnet to wear on a village walk.

We are really looking forward to another busy term of learning in Tucana Class. If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact us via email: tucanahomework@stpeters.oxon.sch.uk and we will respond during normal school hours. If there is anything that needs urgent attention, please contact the school office.

Many thanks,

Miss Crocker and Ms Evans