

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to say welcome back to school. It is a very exciting time for us as we begin a new year at Kinsale. There has been some new staff and our Head of Service will be able to give you all an update next week!

I hope you have all had a very relaxing and peaceful summer, despite the weather. No doubt as we return to school it will be glorious.

I would like to share with you some changes that will be happening as we begin this new term, specifically around the curriculum. Most children will be having ongoing, continuous access to outside space, regardless of the weather and therefore it is imperative they come dressed appropriately to do this. The Welsh weather is mercurial, and we are likely to see all 4 seasons in one day at times, so being prepared is going to be particularly important.

Secondly, we are starting a new curriculum and, as such, reading books will be sent home daily. There is not necessarily an expectation that your child read this book, if they are not able, but that you read this to them, so they are continually exposed to an increasing vocabulary and begin to see patterns and rhymes in stories. If they bring the same book home over and over again it is a clear sign they like it and are becoming more familiar with it. This is a great thing.

Our topic for this whole academic year is Transport but this half term we will be focusing on Letters. We have created a role play post office in school, complete with real delivery sacks, sorting boxes, letters, parcels, leaflets and post office uniform! No doubt there will be some pictures coming home of your child delivering the mail. Children in school will be able to collect the post that is delivered here and distribute correctly around the building!

We will be writing letters, and drawing pictures, buying stamps and posting them home to you too! It would be very much appreciated if you could write back to them during the course of this term as well. The texts we will be reading in school include: The Jolly Postman, The day the crayons quit, How to be a human- diary of an autistic girl, Toot and Puddle, The Jolly Pocket Postman, PS Longer Letter Later, The Snail and the Whale, Katie Morag delivers the mail, Dear Zoo, You can't take an elephant on a bus and James and the giant peach. We will talk about how letters are transported around the country and will try to experience as many different kinds of transport as possible.

All children will be participating in outdoor learning, food technology, life skills and P.E. this year. Our sports hall will be full of exciting games as we move into the winter season.

Each term will be divided up into 6 distinct areas, although English and communication skills will be delivered every day.

Week	Focus
1	Expressive arts: dance and music
2	Humanities: social interactions
3	English: ongoing
4	Health and well-being: settling back into school life
5	Maths: money
6	Science and technology: junk modelling and designs linked to transport

I hope this has given you a short overview of what your child will be experiencing in school this term and are looking forward to what we have planned for the rest of the year.

In addition to these changes, we will be offering parents an opportunity to attend a parents' evening, either in person, or via zoom. This will be your chance to ask questions, see the learning your child is doing and your child's classroom, if you wish. As soon as the date is confirmed I will let you know. There will also be a schedule coming home for the year so you know when we will be celebrating things such a harvest, prom and any festive activities.

May I take this opportunity to say I am looking forward to meeting you all in the coming year and getting to know you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

Nicci Hague