

Venus Class Parent Newsletter: Autumn 2017

Our Topic

Our whole school topic this half term is a science based topic. In Venus Class we will be covering the Y1 objectives from the 'Animals including Humans' strand of the science curriculum.

In **Science** we will be learning about different animals, looking at their features and how they are similar and different. We will be classifying them as carnivores, herbivores or omnivores and considering what makes an animal 'alive.'

In **English** our book focus is 'The Tiger who came to Tea' by Judith Kerr. We will be reading, acting out and changing the story to write our own versions. We will be focusing on using phonics to spell words, letter formation, capital letters and full stops.

In **Geography** we will be learning all about the continents and oceans of the world and the animals that live there.

In **R.E** lessons, children will learn about, 'Myself, who am I?' and Harvest celebrations.

Our **Computing** unit this term is called, 'We are Treasure Hunters' Children will learn about giving instructions to a programmable toy they will also make their own set of instructions.

Our **PHSE** focus is 'Healthy Lifestyles'.

In **Maths** we will be counting, ordering and comparing numbers. We will be adding and subtracting numbers and solving problems.



Welcome back and what a great start we have had to our new school year.

We are all looking forward to the new challenges ahead in year 1.

The adults working in Class Venus are:

Miss. Ellis

Mrs Cockerham

Mrs McCormack

Mr. Cooper

Please come and see us if you have any concerns about your child.

Class Routines:

Now the children have settled into Year 1 we are encouraging them to become more independent. It would be helpful if at the beginning of the day you said goodbye to your child at the door and they come in to class and put their own things away.

At the end of the day could parents please stand in the playground towards the play castle so that children can see you clearly through the glass corridor.

P.E

Venus class will have their P.E lessons on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Children will need a white t- shirt, blue/ black shorts and P.E shoes. All ear rings must be removed for P.E. Please ensure that all P.E kit is clearly labelled with your child's name.

As there may be occasions when children will do P.E on other days it is helpful if your child's P.E kit is brought to school on Mondays and left at school all week.

Reading

We are having a really big push in school to encourage children to enjoy reading and to read more both at home and at school. Please try and listen to your child read daily. In class we have a reading wall which the children can move along the more times they read to an adult at home- so don't forget to sign your child's reading diary! On Fridays we will collect in the reading diaries and count how many times your child has read at home. Children will move along the reading wall collecting prizes on their way to reaching 100 reads!! Reading books can be changed by the children at the beginning or end of the day when they have read them at home.