



## Venus Class

Hello

I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and well needed week off! It is great to see you all back.

As we are half way through the school year and most of the children have settled well in the mornings, please encourage them to come in through the gate by themselves to enable them to become more independent. This will also make the transition into year 1 much smoother. Any messages can be passed on at the gate.

### Phonics and reading in Foundation

The children are making great progress with their reading so please continue to hear your child read. It's really important that they read every night. We will of course continue to hear them read at least three a week. The more they read, the more confident they will become and their reading and phonics will begin to flourish.

Please ensure your child brings in their reading book and journals every day to allow us to change books and hear them read. To enable us to assess whether your child needs their book changed please sign, write a comment or tick if they have read the book. If at any point we haven't manage to change your child's book, please catch us at the end of the day and we will change it.

This term we continue to focus on phase 3 phonemes, building and reinforcing previously taught phonemes and blending longer words. Please look out for the weekly phonics homework.

### Learning this term...

This term's topic is: Ready, Steady, Grow...

For this we will be learning about growth of vegetables, fruit and flowers as well as looking at life cycles. We will also learn about where in the world do our vegetables/fruit come from?

In Maths we continue to build upon our number skills to 10, counting beyond 20, part/part/whole to 10 and comparing numbers using the words more and fewer.

In Literacy we will continue developing phonics skills and practising writing sentences. Literacy will be linked to the topic. We will be reading Jack and the Beanstalk and creating text maps to help us learn the story.

In RE we will look at Salvation and why Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?

In PE we will be learning jumping and targets - throwing and catching skills.

PSHE this term, we will be learning how to keep healthy.

We will continue to learn about online safety through ongoing stories.

### General reminders

- The class will be doing PE on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child comes into school in their PE kit.
- Your child may bring in a water bottle to keep in class. This can be used throughout the day. Please make sure it is clearly marked with your child's name.
- Milk - If your child has turned 5 he/she is no longer entitled to free milk. If you would like your child to continue have milk, please pay and sign up.

Thank you  
Mrs Friend, Mrs Rist and the team.