



Venus Summer Term Learning Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed the beautiful weather that we had over the Easter Holidays- fingers crossed we keep the sunshine! I am looking forward to all of the learning that we are going to do this term. I (Miss Swift) will be teaching the children every day, and Mr Wellman is looking forward to teaching Venus every other Friday this term whilst I plan all of our exciting lessons. We have a busy term ahead, but as always, I am sure that the children will be as enthusiastic as ever in tackling their learning and enjoying the summer term together.

This term, our first vehicle text in writing will be 'The Journey' where we will be writing a refugee narrative and then a diary entry. After half term our writing vehicle text will be 'Manfish' and we will write an invention narrative and a biography. I will endeavour to make sure the children's work can be celebrated with you on the classroom window so that you can enjoy your budding authors' work!

We have lots of little units in maths from now until the summer term. The children will broaden their knowledge of decimals, money, time, shape, statistics and position and direction. **Importantly** between the 1st June and 12th June, the children will sit the year 4 multiplication check. Whilst we have daily practice of our times tables in class, it is integral that the children are practicing these at home as well, so that they can feel confident when they sit the check under timed conditions to the best of their ability- I am so proud of every single child in Venus, they have all made huge improvements since September and it is great to watch them celebrate their successes together.

We will continue with our whole class daily reading lessons within which we will read our class text, alongside a number of non fiction texts. This term we will read 'Charlotte's Webb' and after half term we will be reading 'Nim's Island'. It is also expected that the children read frequently at home and record this in their reading records. It is very important that their reading book and records are in school every day as we have lovely volunteers who come in to listen to children read and adults in the classroom also try to listen to children as often as they can. Their reading records are also checked weekly and Miss Smith loves to give out reading certificates.

Our Geography topic this term is 'The UK- What do we know about where we live?'. The children will be learning all about capital cities and counties within the UK.

In Science we are studying 'electricity' -we are very excited to build our own electrical circuits. In History we will be learning about the Romans which will hopefully include a trip to the Roman Baths to deepen our learning (keep an eye out for more information on dojo). In Art, the children will be studying 'Recycled Art', thank you for all of the recycling donations to support them with this! I am very excited to see all of their hard work and creations.

Homework is still set weekly on a Monday and due the following Monday and it is the expectation that they complete this at home. If it is not in, as with last term, the children will spend some of their break time completing this to help them develop good habits ready for moving towards the upper end of the school. Times tables are tested daily in our maths sessions after lunch, and children do their spellings every morning when they come in to ensure we can support them to progress.

PE as always takes place on a Tuesday and Wednesday. As with last term, children will need to wear their PE kits into school on these days with a school jumper over the top. They are very welcome to bring a PE hoodie in their bags for during the lesson if they wish to.

As ever, I am excited to see what the children can achieve on the final stretch of the school year, we have had a fantastic time so far and made lots of progress and I am sure this will continue this term, with their hard work and determination.

If you have any queries, I am available on Dojo outside of learning time, but any urgent messages must be passed through the office to ensure I don't miss them.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Swift