



Venus & Mercury Newsletter

Autumn 2021



Welcome to Year Two!

It has been so lovely to welcome you all back into school this year and see all of the children's excited faces. They are so eager to start their year two journey and we're very lucky to continue this with them until the end of Key Stage One.

Morning Routines.

Each morning the children come into class, hang up coats/ PE kits and put their book bags in their trays. To help support your child with their reading, the children will be asked to bring in their home reading book each day. They will be expected to read this book for 5 minutes each morning and then practise their handwriting. It is essential for their school reading books to be brought in every morning please.



Home Reading

We would like the children to read and share stories as much as possible at home each week. We love reading about the bedtime stories that have been shared and any books your child is reading at home that haven't come from school. Please record these in your child's reading record. Every Monday and Thursday we will be changing your child's reading book (if the books become longer or they have yet to finish, please just make a comment in their reading record if you wish to keep it).

Phonics, Handwriting, Shared & Guided Reading.

Each morning the children are taught phonics. This session supports your child's development with their reading by learning to break words up into sounds and put them back together. After this phonics session, your child will also be taught reading comprehension skills through a whole class shared read. During this they will be answering focused questions and un-picking a story together. Due to the heavy reading focus in year two, your child will also be reading within a small group each morning to practise the skills they have learnt in phonics to help read and the skills they have learnt in shared reading to answer comprehension questions. During the afternoon, the children will also spend twenty minutes practising their handwriting.



Our timetable.



Our P.E day will be on a Tuesday morning and we will be focusing on Gymnastics. This will be indoor or outdoor depending on the weather, so PE kits need to have pumps or trainers at all times. When the weather gets colder, we may still have PE outside, however the children are welcome to wear a warmer PE kit (jumper/hoody etc).

Earrings are not to be worn for any type of PE including clubs. We are not able to cover them or take them out. Please check that they are not worn on any days that your child is taking part in PE or sport clubs. For non PE days, only stud earrings may be worn.

On Tuesday morning Venus class will be taught by Mrs Sweeney and Mercury will be taught by Mrs Rowland during both Miss Redfern's and Mrs Fellows' PPA.

Don't forget...

Children who read regularly each week at home AND wear their PE kit to school will receive a ticket to go into the end of term raffle to win a prize!



This term Year Two will be learning about..

Our topic this term is 'Continents and Oceans' and it will have a big focus on Geography skills. We are going to be able to name all seven continents and locate them on a globe, as well as also naming and locating the world's five oceans too. We will also be focusing on animals, including humans during our Science lessons, where we will be exploring what humans and animals need to survive. During our Art & DT, we will be focusing on mixing colours and will also be exploring the work of Vincent Van Gogh and his painting style. In our R.E lessons, our focus this half term will be around Judaism. The classes will learn about the Jewish faith and its practises. Finally, for our PSHE, we will be looking at ways we can self-regulate our emotions and build a bank of strategies to use both in school and at home.

In English the classes are learning to write a circular story and will be using the text 'The Rover' to support with this. There will be a big focus on some descriptive language and building on sentence skills from year one. Soon, the children will be writing their own stories all about a journey around the world.



Our Targets in Maths are all about Place Value this half term. We will then be looking at addition and subtraction later on in the term as well.

It has been such a great start in Year Two. The children have come back to school ready to learn and we can't wait to see what the rest of this term brings.

Please visit Venus and Mercury's class page to see what we have been up to and for links to games and resources you can use at home with your child. Go to: <http://www.deepointprimary.cheshire.sch.uk/> here you can also view blog items to see the day to day activities we have been up to as well.

Also, don't forget to follow us on Twitter @deepointvenus and @deepointmercury where we'll tweet throughout the week to show the amazing learning happening in Year One.



Thank you,
Lucy Fellows and Joanne Redfern.