



# Venus Class



## Newsletter 2018 - 2019

Welcome to Year 2 - We hope you enjoy your time in Venus Class.

### The adults working with you this year

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Boyd

**LSAs:** Mrs Littler

**P.E:** Mr Goldsmith

**RE:** Mrs Fox

### Things to remember

**Daily:** Bring in your reading bag, reading book, reading record, spellings book, RWI book (if applicable) and named water bottle.

**Monday:** Bring in PE kit. PE will be on Monday and Wednesday with Mr Goldsmith, but please have your PE kit in school all week in case it is needed at other times. Please ensure that all items are named.



### Homework



Homework is given out in the Homework Diaries for each half term. Please see your Homework Diary for more information.

In addition you are expected to read your reading book, or any other book, as often as you can (preferably every day if possible!). This will help to improve not only your reading but your writing too!



### Spellings



You will have a spellings book with your own spellings in. We will have a spelling lesson every day, and you will have new words to learn or a spelling pattern to investigate (sometimes these will be high frequency words or topic words and sometimes they will follow a specific spelling pattern that we are focusing on in our spelling lessons). These will be assessed or form part of a discussion on Fridays. We will be practising these every day in class but you also need to practise as much as possible at home (e.g. 5 minutes every day at home or while travelling to and from school).

Please keep your Spellings Book in your bag so you can use it at home and at school.



You are encouraged to independently change your reading book on a regular basis. Reading comprehension is a big focus. When you are reading your book, make sure that you talk about what is happening, who the characters are, how they are feeling, what information the text is telling you, what type of book it is and so on.

Please ensure that your reading record is signed. Even if you can read fluently, it is important to read and to listen to books with someone else; for example, you can read to a family member or friend or they can read to you. Sharing books is fun!



## **Rewards, sanctions and Golden Worship**



We have worked together to draw up a class charter based on rules, rights and responsibilities. As before, your parents and other members of the family are very welcome to join us for our weekly whole school Golden Worship on Friday mornings at 8.35am, during which we celebrate achievements and progress in and out of school.



## **Topics**



We will have different topics each half term. A Topic Web will be sent out at the beginning of every half term that explains what we will be learning and the subjects that will be focused on for that particular topic.

## **Information for parents: Year 2 tests**

In Year 2 we will be taking part in the national curriculum tests (known as SATs), alongside the usual ongoing teacher assessments. These will take place in May, and your child will be assessed in reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling, and maths. This is nothing to worry about and we don't make 'a big deal of it' as we don't want to cause the children any undue pressure or stress. They take the form of 'quizzes' to make it a fun and enjoyable process. However, we will be working hard all year to ensure that the children have the best possible chance of meeting the end of year expectations. If you have any questions about the tests, please don't hesitate to ask.



## **Attendance**



At Brighstone we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that you don't miss any important schooling – lessons start as soon as school starts at 8.25am! If by any chance you are late, please go to the main school office where they will be registered. Please don't knock on the classroom door as the register will have already been taken and lessons will have started. Many thanks.



## **Parents' Evenings**



Information about parents' evenings will follow in due course.

**If you have some time to spare and would like to come in to hear children read, then please let me know. We would greatly appreciate it – this makes a huge contribution to the children's progress.**

**Thank you!**