



Venus classroom news!

What we are learning...

Welcome to Venus Class

Welcome back after your half term break! The children have settled back into our class wonderfully, working exceptionally hard, showing respect to our classroom and following our rules and routines.

Topic: This half term our topic is 'The Big Idea'. We will be finding out all about the Gunpowder Plot in History. In Geography we will identify the countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom. In Art, we are creating 3D versions of famous landmarks - our artist this half term is Darrell Wakelam, a 21st Century 3D Sculptor. We will be learning all about materials in Science. Our music learning this half term will follow the BBC 10 pieces adventures!

Maths: In Maths, we are continuing with our addition and subtraction within 20. Later this half term, we will be focusing on shape. Reception children will be continuing to explore numbers and different ways to make them. They will also be looking at one more and one less than a number to 10. We will be exploring flat and solid shapes as well as looking at time (sequencing events in a day, saying the days of the week and the months of the year).

Our values
This half term at
Kirk Fenton Primary
school

We are focusing on
the value...

Thankfulness &
Respect

Phonics and English: **Reception-** This term we will be continuing phase 2 sounds and learning to segment and blend words. We will now be reading and writing simple words and phrases/sentences, e.g. A big cat on a mat. **Year 1 -** This term we will be recapping phase 3 sounds and exploring phase 5. We will be focusing on using capital letters at the start of sentences, using full stops and using our phonics knowledge in our writing. Please read at home with your child to embed their phonics knowledge.

Dates for your diary...

Thursday 19th Nov - World Toilet Day -
come dressed in blue and bring a
donation if you can

Thursday 17th Dec - Christmas Lunch &
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18th Dec - End of term

Reminders...

The school day is 9:15-3pm (Reception) and 9:00 - 3:10pm (Year 1). Please ensure that you arrive promptly as well as safely following the socially distanced guidance. Children who arrive after this time will be asked to sign in at the front of the school.

Our PE day will be on a Friday every week. Please ensure your child is wearing PE kit on this day, this should consist of a white t-shirt, red shorts/leggings and pumps. Please dress appropriately according to the weather as PE will always be outside.

Book bags should only be in on a Monday each week for Year 1 and Friday each week for Reception. Books will be changed on these days. If books have not been returned on changing day, a new book will not be given until the following week.

Monday is also spelling test day for Y1 so please support your child to practise their spellings at home.

We encourage children to bring their own water bottles into school to ensure that they stay hydrated throughout the day.