## Dear parents

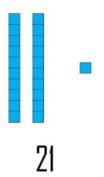
We have had a wonderful first full week back in school. The children have really settled in well and adapted to the changes in our routines surprisingly quickly.

The children are all reading in school every day, we are trying incredibly hard to make sure they are able to change their books as often as possible (we are currently having to change them for them to keep things as safe as we can) and that they are read with as frequently as we can manage (In addition to teaching the skills of reading). Every child has been read with at least twice this week. We are unfortunately unable to write in reading records (as they have been at home with you) but hopefully your children are able to tell you they read with an adult. Please could you support us with this by also reading with them at home as much as you can and making sure they have a book in their book bag every day (even if you haven't had a chance to read/finish it together at home). As they become more fluent you can support them by asking them what has happened so far, what they think might happen next or how they think particular characters might feel about what has happened.

We have launched our new topic 'Dinosaur Planet' and the children have written a long list of questions they want to find the answers to over the next few weeks. As part of our learning in English we filled the classroom with houseplants and spent a morning doing observational drawing, writing adjectives and finally a short descriptive piece about what it would be like for a room to transform into a jungle! The children were all incredibly enthusiastic and it was lovely to see them so engrossed.

In maths we have been looking at place value and different ways of representing numbers. We have been finding numbers on a 100 square and using diennes (tens and ones) to make different two digit numbers.

The long ten sticks represent the tens and the small cubes represent the ones.



Thank you for all of your support in making the children's first full week back such a success.

I hope you all have lovely weekends

Miss Roseblade