

Herons' Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2024

Welcome back to a brand new half term!

Mathematics

The children will continue to be completing their topic about Place Value within 50 by estimating numbers on a number line and finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number. The children will then move on to learning about length and height, mass and volume, position and direction and money. The children will explore each of these areas of learning through practical resources and will make links to real-life scenarios.

English

In English, we will be basing our learning all around the fantastic story 'In Every House on Every Street'. The children will firstly be learning all about descriptive language as they describe different types of homes. They will then pull together all of their learning and understanding to create a non-chronological report about houses.

During Phonics, we will be continuing to grow the code, as we learn alternative graphemes and start focussing on preparation for the phonics screening check. Herons will continue to have group reading sessions three times a week and will bring home a reading book from these sessions.

Phonics reading books – Changed every **Thursday**

Library books – Changed every **Wednesday**

Rainbow Reads – Counted every **Thursday**

Please make sure your child's reading books and diaries are **in school every day.**

Preparation for Phonics Screening Check

A home learning task will be handed out **each Friday**, this is help support your child in the lead up to the phonics screening check. There will be 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. Please encourage your child to identify any digraphs/trigraphs, sound out and then blend. If you have any questions in how to support your child, please do not hesitate to ask.

Science

This half term we will be focusing on 'Plants' in our Science lessons every week. The children will be learning about wild flowers and the different types of trees. They will also be learning about the different parts of a plant whilst having the opportunity to grow their own. They will then be going on a walk to identify the different types of wild flowers and trees in their local area.

Humanities

This half term we will be learning about 'The Story of Our Local Area'. We will be looking into the life of William McGregor further. The children will find out during this topic, why he is important to Tamworth, where he lived and identify the changes from when he was alive to now.

Art & Design Technology

Our fifth Art topic will be about 'Bird Making'. The children will be exploring how to turn a piece of paper into a 3D sculpture of a bird. They will learn different folding, cutting and rubbing techniques to make their sculptures look realistic.

Personal, Social and Health Education

For our fifth topic of the year, the children will be learning all about the different types of feelings we experience. They will be learning about what effects different feelings have on their body and how we can manage some of these feelings.

Please make sure that your child has their names in all of their uniform and a water bottle that is clearly labelled too.



Key Dates for Herons

Please keep checking 'The Dates for your Diary' section on our weekly newsletters too!

Monday 29th April – Indian and Irish Dancing Workshops

Thursday 2nd May – Inset Day (School Closed to pupils)

Friday 3rd May – Maypole Dancing Workshop (all classes)

Tuesday 7th May – Tempest vista class photos.

Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May – Walk to School Week

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Whitsun Half Term

Wednesday 5th June – Year 1 Trip to Twycross Zoo

Friday 7th June – Level 1 Scootability (all classes)

Monday 10th – Friday 14th June – Phonics Screening Week

Monday 17th June – Skipping Workshop

Wednesday 3rd July – Level 2 Scootability

Monday 15th July – Sports Day – Exact time to be confirmed (subject to weather)

Wednesday 17th July – Transition Day

Thursday 18th July – Summer Disco – 4:30-5:30pm

Friday 19th July – End of Term

Physical Education

P.E lessons will be on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** with Miss Matthews. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school; labelled with their name to help when changing. The children will be focussing on 'Health Related Education' and 'Athletics' this half term.



Staffing in Herons

Miss Matthews – Monday – Friday

Miss Stacey – Monday – Friday

Mrs Horlor & Miss Garrett – Every Monday afternoon.



How you can support your child at home

Please listen to your child read **daily** and record these in their reading diaries. It is really important that they read at home too, to support their progress and fluency with their reading.

