

Herons' Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2024

Welcome back to a brand new half term!

Mathematics

The children will continue with their unit on addition and subtraction within 20, whilst building on their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills. The children will then extend their understanding of place value to numbers within 50. Each of these will be supported with the use of concrete resources and pictorial representations. The children will be also taking part in Maths Quizzes which aim to help the children's long term memory and also their fluency and automaticity.



English

In English, we will be basing our learning all around the fantastic story 'Beegu'. The children be continuing with newspaper articles and focusing on using the conjunction and. The children will also be innovating the story and creating their own story and adventure for Beegu.

During Phonics, we will be continuing to grow the code whilst preparing for the Phonic 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 on a Thursday**.

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



Science

This half term we will be continuing our topic about 'Seasons'. We will be learning about the different types of weather across the seasons, the difference in hours of sunlight and thinking about how animals are affected by the four seasons.



Humanities

This half term we will be focusing on Geography and we will be exploring the topic of 'Our Local Area'. We will be learning about and exploring our immediate local area, the town of Tamworth and then identifying the four countries which make up the UK. This will definitely be an exciting topic where we will be taking the learning outside of the classroom.

Art & Design Technology

Our fourth Art topic will be about 'Watercolours'. The children will be exploring the medium of watercolours and building up techniques and skills ready to produce their own watercolour masterpiece.



Personal, Social and Health Education

For our fourth topic of the year, we will be focusing on 'What we put into our bodies'. The children will be discussing all of the different items we put into or onto our bodies. We will discuss the importance of medication and having an awareness of other people's needs such as inhalers and epipens.

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!

Friday 23rd February— Chinese Dragon Workshop (All year groups) Parents invited to attend at 3:00pm (No Family Assembly today)

Friday 1st March—Walk around the local area.

Wednesday 6th March—Walk into Tamworth Town Centre—weather permitted

Thursday 7th March— World Book Day – Children to come dressed as their favourite story book characters.

Friday 8th March— Ladies Tea and Cake – Mothers or grandmothers are invited to join us from 2:30pm – 3:30pm for tea and cake to celebrate Mother's Day. Admission is £3.50 per adult which is now available to pay on Parent Pay

Friday 8th March— Non School Uniform Day – donations of chocolate for chocolate bingo.

Monday 11th March—Mystery Minibus Tour

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March – SEND Target Review Week

Saturday 16th March— Chocolate Bingo – 5:00-7:00pm Adults £5 per ticket, Children £3.50 per ticket. Includes drinks and snacks.

Thursday 21st March— Easter Disco (Reception – Year 2) 4:30pm – 5:30pm (£3.00 per child)

Friday 22nd March— Easter Bonnet Parade following End of Term Assembly at approximately 9:45am – Parents invited to watch our Easter Bonnet Parade

Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April – Easter Holiday

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 'Dodgeball' and 'Striking and Fielding' this half term.



Staffing in Herons

Miss Matthews – Monday – Friday

Miss Stacey – Monday – Friday

Mrs Horlor & Miss Garrett – Monday afternoon



How you can support your child at home

Please listen to your child read **daily** and record in their reading diaries. Please also support children with their phonics and NumbBots!

