

Heron's Curriculum Newsletter

Changes in Living Memory

Autumn Term 1 2024



Mathematics

To start our year off, the children will be learning 'Place Value within 10' which is a continuation of their learning previously in Reception. The children will consolidate their knowledge of numbers to 10, including the composition of each number. They will continue to subitise and recall number bonds to 5 and 10 and will learn different number facts within 10. The children will also represent numbers in different ways, count on from any number and learn how to find 1 more and 1 less. Maths learning will use a range of strategies and resources whilst deepening their understanding through questioning and reasoning opportunities.

English

The children will continue forming simple sentences, focusing on capital letters fingers spaces and full stops. The formation of both lower and upper case letters will continue to be practised amongst different writing opportunities. Book Club will be continued to be taught in the Autumn term and we are so excited to be exploring a range of new and exciting adventures together.

During Phonics we will be recapping their previous learning from Reception before introducing alternative graphemes. Herons will continue to have group reading session three times a week and will bring home a reading book from these sessions.

Phonics reading books – Changed every Thursday

Library books – Changed every Friday

Rainbow Reads – Counted on a Thursday

Please make sure your child's reading books and diaries



Science

This half term we will be starting our new Science topic called 'Seasons'. In this topic the children will be learning and observing changes for each of the four different seasons in the UK. The children will also observe and describe types of weather in the four seasons and how the seasons impact humans. Throughout this topic, children will be able to ask questions and become inquisitive thinkers.



Humanities

This half term we will be focusing on history and exploring the topic of 'Changes in Living Memory'. We will be focusing on toys and will enjoy a visit to Sudbury Toy Museum. The children will explore how toys have changed over time and to be able to identify similarities and differences between modern toys and those that would have been played with 100 years ago.

Art and Design and Technology

Our first art topic will explore different types of mediums as they explore spirals. They will have a go at observational drawing and experiment with water soluble pens.



Personal, Social and Health Education

For our first topic of the year, we will be focussing on physical health and wellbeing. The children will learn different special foods and how they are a part of different cultures, playground games from around the world and sun-safety.

Staffing in Dragonflies

Mrs J Sweeney – Monday – Friday

Miss S Murrell – Monday – Friday

Miss S Garrett – Every Tuesday afternoon

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!



Tuesday 17th September - Year 1's Trip to Sudbury Hall

Friday 20th September – Jeans for Genes Day (Donations of £1 on Parent Pay)

Friday 27th September – Harvest Festival led by Year 2 (No Family Assembly on this day) 9:00am

Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17th October – Parents Evenings (Further details to follow)

Thursday 24th October – Pumpkin Festival (4:00pm – 5:30pm) (Further details to follow)

Friday 25th October – Inset Day (School Closed to all pupils)

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half Term

Physical Education

P.E lessons will be on a **Friday** with Mrs Sweeney. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school; labelled with their name to help when changing. The children will also be taking part and learning key movements in Gymnastics.

Forest School will take place on a **Tuesday** so please make sure puddle suits and wellies are in school and stored in the Year 1 outdoor area.

Tapestry

A phonics home learning task will be added to Tapestry **each Friday**, this is to be completed by the following Friday. This will help support your child's progress with phonics and their reading in readiness for their Phonics Screening Check.

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 weekly home learning task and their phonic sounds and word cards.

