

## Heron's Curriculum Newsletter

### Seasons

#### Unit 2



### Mathematics

The children will continue to develop their understanding and confidence to use numbers within 10, whilst building their fluency skills. We will be focussing on addition and subtraction! We will learn our number bonds to 10, add numbers together, subtract numbers and learn about fact families. Maths learning will use a range of strategies and resources whilst deepening their understanding through questioning and reasoning opportunities.

### English

In 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. Children will still take part in Drawing Club lessons focussing on the character, setting and an adventure time. During Phonics, we will be starting to learn new sounds as we start to grow the code. 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 Friday**

**Rainbow Reads – Counted on a Thursday**

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



### Tapestry

A home learning task will be added to Tapestry **every Friday**. The focus will be Phonics tasks that are carefully linked to their learning in class. This is so each child can continue to make progress with their reading and to give you insight into their learning too.

### Science

This unit we will be starting our topic about 'Materials'. We will be learning how to classify materials using prepared tables and sorting rings. We will be testing different materials to see which materials are waterproof and which are absorbent. We will also think about why certain materials are appropriate for different purposes and other materials are not.

### Humanities

This half term we will be focusing on Geography and we will be exploring the topic of 'Seasons'. We will be focussing on the weather and how it changes through each season. The children will have chance to learn skills on how to predict and measure the weather and will even have a go at documenting this on a weather chart.

### Art & Design Technology

Our second Art topic will be about print making and they will have the chance to create printing art work with many different techniques. The children will develop their use of using a sketchbook and use this to document their development of skills within this topic.

### Personal, Social and Health Education

For our second topic of the year, we will be focussing on 'Feeling Safe'. The children will learn about safe and unsafe adults, secrets which are ok to keep and ones that we should share and we will even get to interview a safe adult who is our very own PCSO.

**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 8th November – Herons' Family Assembly**

**Monday 11th November – Remembrance Assembly**

**Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week**

**Friday 29th November – Christingle Assembly 2:45pm led by Kestrels (Parents are welcome)**

**Tuesday 10th December – Reception and Year 1 Nativity @ 6pm**

**Friday 13th December – Reception and Year 1 Nativity @ 9am**

**Monday 16th December – Christmas Pantomime 4:00-5:15pm (£3.50 Payments on Arbor)**

**Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner Day**

**Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Christmas Holiday**

**Monday 6th January – Inset Day**

**Tuesday 7th January – Start back at school**

### 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 be focussing on 'Football' this half term. They will start with the basic skills and will slowly build up to taking part in fun games, incorporating the skills they have learnt throughout the half term.

### Staffing in Herons

Miss J Matthews – Monday – Friday

Miss S Murrell – Monday – Friday mornings only.

Miss S Garrett – Every Tuesday afternoon (Forest School)

### 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.