

Heron's' Curriculum Newsletter

Changes in Living Memory

Autumn Term 1 2022

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 learning 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. Children will have the opportunity to write for different purposes and will be linked to our topic 'Changes within Living Memory'.

During Phonics we will . 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 are 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 **each Friday**, this is to be completed by the following Friday. Please ask if you are having any issues with logging on or uploading photographs and Mrs Free or Miss Matthews will be happy to help.

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 season in the UK. The children will also observe and describe different types of weather in the four seasons and how the day length varies. Throughout this topic children will be able to ask questions and become inquisitive thinkers.



Humanities

This half term we will be focussing on history and exploring the topic of 'Changes in Living Memory'. We will be focussing 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 & Design Technology

Our first art topic will be about discovering how to use charcoal and link this to how to draw like a cave-man. The children will develop their use of using a sketchbook and use this to document their development of skills within this topic. In DT, the children will also have the opportunity to create a moving toy which I am sure they will enjoy!



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.

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 6th September—School starts today

Friday 16th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 23rd September—Jeans for Genes Day (Wear an item of denim)

Thursday 29th September—Flu Immunisations (Please complete online consent form)

Monday 10th October—Hello Yellow (Wear something Yellow)

Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October—Half Term—

School Closed

Monday 31st October—School reopens

Physical Education

P.E lessons will be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** 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 developing their fundamental skills through learning to throw and catch. The children will also be taking part and learning key movements in Gymnastics.



Staffing in Dragonflies

Miss J Matthews — Monday—Friday

Mrs S Garrett — Monday—Friday mornings only.

Mrs N Horlor — Every Wednesday morning or afternoon.

Sam Lewis— Based at Anker Valley one day per week.

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.