

## Heron's Curriculum Newsletter

### Changes in Living Memory

Autumn Term 1 2023

#### 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' and through our key text 'Dogger'. During Phonics, we will be recapping their previous learning from Reception before starting new sounds for Phase 5. 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**.

Children will need to continue to read at home. It will be expected that the children read at least three times a week with an adult. Please remember to write in your child's reading diary and these will count towards their rainbow reads.

#### 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 different types of weather in the four seasons and the how 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 all be about spirals. The children will explore different types of mediums as they explore spirals. They will also 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.

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



Friday 15th September – 9:15am Year 1 Phonics Information Workshop for Parents (Hall straight after Family Assembly)

Tuesday 19th September – Year 1 Trip to Sudbury Hall

Thursday 21st September – Year 2 Trip to London

Friday 22nd September – Jean for Genes Day (Wear denim jeans / skirts and normal uniform on top £1)

Friday 22nd September – 9:15am Year 2 Reading Workshop for Parents (Hall straight after Family Assembly)

Monday 2nd October – Tempest Photography in to take individual photographs

Wednesday 4th October – Year 1 and 2 Star Gazing and Astronomy Workshop (6:00pm more details to follow).

Friday 13th October – Inset Day (School Closed to pupils)

Friday 20th October – Harvest Festival (9:00am – No Family Assembly today)

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

#### Physical Education

P.E lessons will be on a **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 developing their fundamental skills through learning to throw and catch.



#### Staffing in Dragonflies

Miss J Matthews – Monday – Friday

Miss I Stacey – Monday – Friday

Mrs N Horlor – Every Monday afternoon.

Miss S Garrett – Every 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 weekly phonic tasks to support their learning in Phonics.