

Herons' Curriculum Newsletter

Seasons

Autumn Term 2 2022

Mathematics

The children will continue to develop their understanding and confidence to use numbers within 10, whilst building their fluency skills. We will focus on addition and subtraction this half term! We will learn our number bonds to 10, add numbers together, subtract numbers and learn some 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, finger 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 'Seasons'. 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 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 continuing with our Science topic, 'Seasons'. The children will continue to learn and observe 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 how the day length varies. Throughout this topic, the children will be able to ask questions and become inquisitive thinkers.

Humanities

This half term we will be focussing 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. 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 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 11th November—9.00am Remembrance Assembly

Tuesday 15th November—Walk to Spital Church

Friday 18th November—Children in Need (Non-uniform day—wear something spotty—£1 donation)

14th-18th November—Anti-bullying Week

14th-18th November—Nursery Rhyme Week

14th-18th November—Road Safety Week

Thursday 1st December—Decorating the Christmas Tree (parents invited to join)

Friday 2nd December—Walk to post letter to Father Christmas

Friday 9th December—Christmas Disco 4.30-5.30pm

Monday 12th December—Santa Saves Christmas Day @ Tamworth Arts Centre

Tuesday 13th (9am) & Thursday 15th December (6pm) - Dragonflies & Herons Christmas Play—Prickly Hay

Thursday 15th December—Christmas Dinner (1 adult per child invited)

Friday 16th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 19th December—Monday 2nd January—Christmas Holiday

Tuesday 3rd January—INSET Day—Closed to all children

Physical Education

P.E lessons will be on a **Tuesday** 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 '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 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.

