

Herons' Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2023

Welcome back and a Happy New Year!

Mathematics

The children will now to be extending their knowledge and understanding of numbers up to 20, whilst building on their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills. The children will learn the value of each number, find 1 more and 1 less, order numbers and many other skills. Each of these will be supported with the use of concrete resources, moving onto pictorial representations and finally abstract. The children will be also taking part in another Maths session near the end of each day which builds on their understanding of numbers to further develop their confidence within Maths.

English

In English, the children will continue secure the use capital letters fingers spaces and full stops for every sentence they write. 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 our writing this term will be linked to our History topic 'People Who Help Us'. During Phonics, we will be continuing to grow the code, as we learn alternative graphemes. 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 week and will be given a day where they will each week change their book with Miss Renshaw. You will be informed of what day this will be.

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 a new topic all about 'Materials'. We will be learning about different types of materials and we will be able to distinguish between an object and what material the object is made from. We will also be exploring a variety of materials closely using magnifying glasses to make observations. We will also be able to classify using prepared tables and sorting rings.



Humanities

This half term we will be focusing on History and we will be exploring the topic of 'People Who Help Us'. We will be learning about two historical figures from the past and their achievements. The two historical figures will be learning all about are Sir Robert Peel and Florence Nightingale. We will discover what impact they have had on modern life!

Art & Design Technology

Our third Art topic will be about 'Playful Making'. The children will be getting creative and designing their very own medal out of different types of materials. In DT, the children will be planning, designing and creating a medical bag for Florence Nightingale to use.



Personal, Social and Health Education

For our third topic of the year, we will be focusing on what makes themselves and others around them special. We will also discuss what types of roles and responsibilities we have at home and in school. We will also explore what the term co-operative means and how we can be co-operative with others.

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!



4th January—Spring term Starts

27th –29th January—RSPB Big Birdwatch

30th January—3rd February—Story Telling Week

3rd February—Number Day (children to dress up as their favourite number)

6th –10th February—Children's Mental Health Week

14th February—Pancake Races/Valentines Craft Event (more details to follow)

14th February & 16th February —Parents Evening

17th February—Cinema Night

21st February –25th February—Half term

2nd March World Book Day (more details to follow)

8th March Holi Festival of Colour (more details to follow)

17th March—Ladies Lunch (more details to follow)

31st March—Chocolate Bingo (more details to follow)

3rd-14th April Easter Holidays

17th April INSET Day—School Closed to pupils

Physical Education

P.E lessons will be on a **Tuesday** and **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 'Multi-skills' and 'Orienteering' this half term.



Staffing in Herons



Miss J Matthews —Monday—Friday

Miss L Renshaw —Monday—Friday

Mrs N Horlor —Every Thursday 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 home learning task and their phonic sounds and word cards.