

## Herons' Curriculum Newsletter

### Spring Term 2 2023

**Welcome back to a brand new half term!**

#### Mathematics

The children will continue with their topic of addition and subtraction with 20, whilst building on their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills. The children will then extend their understanding of place value to numbers within 50. 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, we will be basing our learning all around the fantastic story 'Beegu'. The children will firstly be learning all about newspaper articles. They will then have the opportunity to build on their writing skills to then write their own newspaper article. The children will also be innovating the story and creating their own story and adventure for Beegu.

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 continuing 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 'Our Local Area'. We will be learning about and exploring our immediate local area, the town of Tamworth and then identifying the four countries which make up the UK. This will definitely be an exciting topic where we will be taking the learning outside of the classroom.

#### Art & Design Technology

Our fourth Art topic will be about 'Watercolours'. The children will be exploring the medium of watercolours and building up techniques and skills ready to produce their own watercolour masterpiece.



#### Personal, Social and Health Education

For our fourth topic of the year, we will be focussing on 'What we put into our bodies'. The children will be discussing all of the different items we put into or onto our bodies. We will discuss the importance of medication and having an awareness of other people's needs such as inhalers and epipens.

**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!*



**2nd March** World Book Day (children invited to wear pyjamas and slippers, cookies available to purchase)

**8th March** Holi Festival of Colour (children invited to wear brightly coloured clothes and donations of bulbs and planting seeds)

**17th March**—Ladies Lunch (one adult invited to join for lunch per child)

**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 'Dodgeball' and 'Striking and Fielding' 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.

