

Herons' Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2023

Welcome back to a brand new half term!

Mathematics

The children will continue to be completing their topic about Place Value within 50 by estimating numbers on a number line and finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number. The children will then move on to learning about length and height, mass and volume, position and direction and money. The children will explore each of these areas of learning through practical resources and will make links to real-life scenarios.

English

In English, we will be basing our learning all around the fantastic story 'In Every House on Every Street'. The children will firstly be learning all about descriptive language as they describe different types of homes. They will then pull together all of their learning and understanding to create a non-chronological report about houses.

During Phonics, we will be continuing to grow the code, as we learn alternative graphemes and start focussing on preparation for the phonics screening check. 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.

Rainbow Reads — Counted every **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 focusing on 'Plants' in our Science lessons every week. The children will be learning about wild flowers and the different types of trees. They will also be learning about the different parts of a plant whilst having the opportunity to grow their own. They will then be going on a walk to identify the different types of wild flowers and trees in their local area.

Humanities

This half term we will be learning about 'The Story of Our Local Area'. Previously they have learnt about Sir Robert Peel and now they will be learning about another influential historical figure, William McGregor. They will find out during this topic, why he is important to Tamworth, where he lived and identify the changes from when he was alive to now.

Art & Design Technology

Our fifth Art topic will be about 'Bird Making'. The children will be exploring how to turn a piece of paper into a 3D sculpture of a bird. They will learn different folding, cutting and rubbing techniques to make their sculptures look realistic.

Personal, Social and Health Education

For our fifth topic of the year, the children will be learning all about the different types of feelings we experience. They will be learning about what effects different feelings have on their body and how we can manage some of these feelings.

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!

Thursday 19th April — Phonics Screening Check Meeting for Parents (9am, 2.30pm & 3pm)

Thursday 27th April — DT Parent Workshop (2-3.30pm)

Monday 1st May — Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Thursday 4th May — INSET Day (School Closed to pupils)

Friday 5th May — Coronation Family Assembly led by Dragonflies (9:00am)

Friday 5th May — Non-Uniform Day — Coronation clothes

Monday 8th May — Additional Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)

Tuesday 9th May — Tempest Photography in school (Class photos)

Monday 15th May — Forest School Session with parents (1-3pm)

Monday 29th May — Friday 2nd June — May Half Term

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 'Health Related Education' and 'Athletics' 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.