



Hérons Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome to Autumn 2 2024- 25!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Autumn 2!

History and Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about The USA. We will learn about the different landscapes and climates found across the USA. We will compare this with the landscape and climate of the UK. We will use our knowledge of the compass to describe the location of geographical features in The USA We will also look at the significance of The Yellowstone National Park and the different time zones found in the USA.

Reading

This half term we will be reading Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of suspense and mystery that keeps the children on their toes!

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/>

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based, in part, around the school's anti-bullying campaign. We will write a persuasive argument showing the reasons why bullying is intolerable. In addition, we will be writing an informal letter in admiration of a friend's wonderful personal gifts with a focus on the use of conjunctions. We will focus on the following conjunctions:

But So Even though Because Or

For example:

I am so proud of your resilience, even though life can be difficult for you sometimes.

The following link can help you and your child to learn more about conjunctions at home:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zcdvp4j>

Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:

<https://www.spellzone.com/>

Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Multiplication and Division- we will learn our 6, 7, 9 and 12 times tables. Please help your child learn these at home. They will learn how to calculate multiplication equations using the multiplication facts that they know. They will understand the difference between sharing and grouping and they will understand the commutative law in multiplication. They will also solve problems involving multiplication and division.

Further Multiplication and Division- pupils will further develop their understanding of multiplication and division. They will learn how to multiply three numbers together using prior knowledge of multiplication tables. Pupils will use their tables and knowledge of place value to multiply multiples of 10, leading to the multiplication of 2-digit numbers using short multiplication.

Please ensure your child goes on TT Rockstars everyday to learn their times tables.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Dates for your Diary

Halloween Event - Friday 8th November 3.30-5.30pm, children and families welcome

Run Gainsborough Run - The Olympic Marathon Track, Sunday 17th November, 2-4pm, children and families welcome

Zero Waste Hub - Saturday 23rd November 11-3pm, bring and swap shop and menders market, all families welcome

Tuesday 12th November Parent's Information Evening 3.30-5pm

Tuesday 12th November Tender online safety parent sessions 4pm and 5pm

Thursday 14th November Parent's Information Evening 4-6pm

Friday 15th November Wear spots for children in Need, donate £1

Sunday 17th November Run GB Run Sunday 2-4pm

Friday 22nd November ODD SOCKS DAY, donate £1

Friday 22nd November Family Sharing Assembly Y4

Saturday 23rd November Zero waste Hub event Saturday

Monday 25th November Individual and sibling pictures Preschool and EYFS

Tuesday 26th November Individual and sibling pictures Years 1 -6

Wednesday 27th November No Pen's Day!

Wednesday 11th December Panto at Hackney Empire Years 2 4 5

Monday 16th December Parent's in Class 2.45pm Years 1-6

Wednesday 18th December Years 3 4 5 6 end of term concert 2.30pm

Thursday 19th December school closes at 2pm

Friday 20th December INSET day for Nursery, Reception and School staff

Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Kind.' We will be learning about bullying and devising an anti-bullying campaign for the school..

Science

Our Science topic this half term will be 'States of Matter.' We will learn that materials and objects can be grouped into solids, liquids and gases. They look at the properties of solids, liquids and gases and relate these to the common uses of materials. Children also explore the similarities and differences between solids, liquids and gases.

We will develop our scientific skills by planning our investigation, selecting our equipment, recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

The following website will support your child's learning at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfhkwtv>

ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Creating media.' We will identify the input device (microphone) and output devices (speaker or headphones) required to work with sound digitally. Pupils will discuss the ownership of digital audio and the copyright implications of duplicating the work of others. In order to record audio themselves, learners will use Audacity to produce a podcast, which will include editing their work, adding multiple tracks, and opening and saving the audio files.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Celebrating Difference.' During this topic, the children will think about the judgements they make of other people and how these presumptions might hurt other people. We will explore how differences between people make life better.

RE

Our focus religion this half term is all faiths. Our key question is 'How do those who believe in God build a relationship with God?'

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on Netball.

Class PE Day: **Friday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Fridays**.

Music

The children will be exploring the ukulele and will be focusing on learning Christmas songs for their end of year performance.

Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is 'Descriptions'. Pupils will learn the numbers 1-1000. They will also learn more colours and more prepositions.

Art and DT

This half term in DT, the children will learn about city scapes.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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