

# Heron Newsletter – Term 3



## Dates for your Diary

### Term 4

- 24 Feb – Return to school
- 6 March – World Book Day
- 17 March – Parent consultation week
- 7 April – Y4 Residential
- 11 April – Break up for Easter

**Attendance** – Please ensure your child is in school every day unless they are ill or have a medical appointment. Attendance Improvement meetings will be held next term for children who are persistently absent from school.

**Attendance**  
Possible attendance 100%  
Actual Attendance this term is 93.64%

## Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, that term went by very quickly! As you know we welcomed Ofsted into school this week and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff and children for all their hard work. Thanks too go to the parents for all your support. Once the report is published, you will, of course receive a copy. We have lots to look forward to next term including: The school disco, World Book Day, Open the Book, The Life Education Team, Young Voices and Parent Consultations.

Wishing you a restful half term break.

Mrs Brookes

### EYFS NEWS

EYFS have had another super term where we have been transported the world of traditional tales. We have loved hearing different traditional tales and have enjoyed trying porridge like Goldilocks, growing beanstalks like Jack, exploring the woods like the Three Bears and making houses like the Three Pigs.



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## YEAR 1 NEWS

It has been a busy and exciting term in Year 1! In English we have been reading all about a penguin who is from the South Pole and who finds a new friend. We have been writing using new skills such as verbs, nouns and adjectives.

In Art we have been inspired by the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and are creating our own portraits using fruit and vegetables.

In RE we have been learning all about Christianity and Judaism and how they live, exploring where they worship, what they wear and what is precious to them.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

This term so far has been filled with creativity and learning in Year 2.

The children have engaged with a range of artists and explored various styles, including Impressionism and Abstract art. Their creativity shone through in their projects. We have had lots of practical Maths lessons and tested the children's measuring skills, learning how to measure different items accurately. It's wonderful to see their growing confidence in this area. In Science we delved into the fascinating world of food chains, helping children understand the relationships between different plants and animals. Additionally, they conducted experiments to test various materials, sparking their curiosity and scientific thinking. We have been filled with excitement as the children engaged with floor robots to learn computing concepts. They had the opportunity to write their own algorithms, which not only promoted their critical thinking skills but also fostered teamwork and creativity. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they worked collaboratively and celebrated each other's successes!



## YEAR 3 NEWS

This term, we have really enjoyed our Power of Reading text 'The Iron Man'. We have created fantastic Iron Man art work, scrapyards poems, been newspaper reporters and written reports about the battle between The Iron Man and the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon and even made our own Lowry inspired metal stick men out of tin foil!

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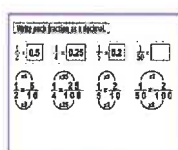
## YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have been enjoying reading their new book 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo. In our writing, we have been working hard to include fronted adverbials to our work. We have also been making a conscious effort to improve our handwriting! In computing, we have been using Logo to write algorithms to create different shapes. We used the 'repeat' command to make different patterns and explored using different colours.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

We have had another busy term in Year 5! In Maths, we have spent the last few weeks looking at fractions and how to convert them in to decimals and percentages. In Science, we have looked at materials and their properties, alongside studying the planets and their positions in relation to the sun. In Geography, we continue to study biomes and their environments; History has seen us develop our understanding of some Tudor and Victorian explorers. We are currently enjoying the poem of the Highwayman in English and in our Well-being lessons we have discussed the benefits of a 'Growth Mindset' to understand how we can always learn and develop with the right attitude and focus!



## YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 have had a very busy and productive term. Our English lessons this term have focused on our new class book, Alex Rider: Stormbreaker. We have enjoyed delving into the mysterious spy world that Anthony Horowitz has created. Furthermore, we have focused on developing some of our athletics skills in PE (such as relay running, javelin throwing and standing long jump). And, we have started to code games in Computing, focusing on how we can change variables to improve a game. Lastly, our Art lessons have concentrated on developing surrealist pictures (using Salvador Dali and Audrey Flack as inspiration). And, our Geography has helped us to develop our understanding of how big a problem plastic pollution is and what we can do to counteract it.

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## MUSIC NEWS

Y6 pupils are busy preparing for their exciting performance at their Young Voices Concert at the end of February. Young Voices concerts are the 'largest children's choir in the country'! As well as learning to sing the songs, they have also been exploring British Sign Language and Choreography skills. Y6 children are encouraged to practice their Young Voice songs over half term to ensure their lines are learned and they are ready to show off what they can do. Videos can be accessed on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXU0D7ea-nJy2Ca3BleoQkGBzSq9v15S9>

Musical Theatre Club is in full swing with the 70 children showing huge enthusiasm and commitment to their Acting, Singing and Dancing. So far, we've explored songs and scenes from Matilda the Musical. Musical Theatre Club continues next term with all current participants able to continue with the club. Please let me know if your child will no longer be attending.

KS2 Singing Assemblies this term have had a Family Theme with *Hey Brother* being a particular hit!

## Breakfast Club

The children have enjoyed activities linked to Chinese New Year and have been enjoying the new games we bought recently.

There are limited spaces available, so if you require a space please enquire at office and someone will get back to you.

Breakfast club runs 7.45-8.35 (school day starts)

We offer a healthy breakfast and lots of different activities for only £4 a session.



## OPAL

We have been having lots of fun during Opal with children enjoying mud slides and ice play. Thanks to your kind donations we raised £254 from our Opal non uniform day. The money has been used to purchase scooters, balance bikes, pogo sticks and dolls prams to enhance your child's play. All donations sent into school are always appreciated.

Please remember to send your child with a coat, waterproofs and wellies so they can enjoy the full Opal experience. We are always looking for donations, in particular, we are looking for figures of any sort, cars, piping, tents, washing up bowls and real size pushchairs.



## Reminders to Parents

- Could we politely remind parents to name your child's uniform and belongings. This makes things easier when looking for lost items.
- Please be reminded that you cannot park in the school car park without a permit, nor enter the gates to drop off a child after 8.15am without a permit.