

Heron Newsletter – Term 3



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.

Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

Well, what a busy term it has been, we have welcomed STEMWORKS to school to work with our children on computer programming/ coding, Rocks and Soils and Engineering which they thoroughly enjoyed. All children have also worked with the Life Education Team on a variety of safety and wellbeing topics. The Year 6 children had an amazing time at the Young Voices concert, singing in front of a large audience along with over 5,000 other children and have been working hard with our visiting musicians on their song writing project. It was good to see those of you who were able to attend the drop in sessions this term, the feedback received has been extremely positive and they will form a regular part of school life. The children love having you in to see their work.

Fond Farewell After 19 years at Heron, Mrs Jo Mason will be leaving us to pursue a new career path. We wish Jo all the very best.

Wishing you a restful half term break.

Mrs Brookes

ABSENCE

Please report all child absence to the office before 9.15. You can call 01452 415105 and choose option 1 to leave a message or choose option 3 to speak to a member of the office team.

EYFS NEWS

We have loved our topic 'Once upon a time' this term and have enjoyed looking at different fairy tales. We have planted our own beanstalks, made gingerbread men and made music to go along with our stories.

Dates for your Diary

Term 4

- 27 Feb – Return to school
- 2 March – World Book Day
- 20 March – Parent consultation week
- 29 March – Y4 Residential
- 31 March – Break up for Easter

Attendance

Possible attendance 100%
Actual Attendance this term is 93.35%



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YEAR 1 NEWS

This term Year 1 have enjoyed using our new atlases purchased by Friends of Heron when learning about the United Kingdom. We have used the atlases to help us learn the names of the 4 countries, the capital cities and the names of the seas and oceans that surround the UK. In our English sessions we have learnt to retell the story of Little Red Riding Hood and we have rewritten our own versions of the story using some fabulous adjectives to describe the Wolf.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 had a fantastic day learning all about the rainforest this term. We saw lots of real life animals that live in a tropical climate from Jonathon's Jungle Roadshow. Some of us even got to hold some of the animals! We did some rainforest themed crafts and explored life in the rainforest habitats.



YEAR 3 NEWS

We really enjoyed our STEM day this term. We built 2 robots and programmed them to do various things. We built an owl that could turn its head and make a sound, we also made a moving robot and programmed it on a tablet to move along a track and park.



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YEAR 4 NEWS

In Year 4, we have been thinking about family life and looking at work by Susan Londi. We created clay sculptures based on her work, which symbolised different aspects of our family.

We have also started a new Power of Reading book called 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo. It has been interesting to see how his character has developed during the story so far and he has started to be less selfish. We recently wrote fantastic letters from the perspective of Edward.

YEAR 5 NEWS

Year 5 have been busy with their D.T. projects of making cams with followers; we are extremely proud of how they turned out. 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 the Tudor and Victorian periods. We are currently enjoying the poem of the Highwayman and have produced some fantastic newspaper articles and written from the perspective of a central character.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In year 6 we have been really enjoying our new topic theme: Save Our World. Our work in Geography has taught us about how important it is to look after our planet, and our work in History has enabled us to discuss the need to save artefacts in order to learn from the past. Furthermore, the new class book, Alex Rider Stormbreaker, has given us lovely writing opportunities, such as writing a persuasive advert for a spy gadget and writing a letter to GCHQ about why we would make great spies. Lastly, we have thoroughly embraced our science investigations that have explored pulse rate and electrical circuits. We are looking forward to the rest of our learning.



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MUSIC NEWS

Year 6 enjoyed the Young voices trip, it was amazing. The buzz of performing together was just wonderful. Y6 have also welcomed the music works into school. They are part way through a ten week programme in which they compose their own leaving song which is very exciting. The school choir have been meeting each Wednesday lunchtime and are sounding beautiful and lots of children have started learning a musical instrument or taking vocal lessons. There are still spaces for violins and voice lessons. Please let the music teacher know if you are interested. In class music lessons we have been using djembe drums to follow formal rhythm notation. All in all a great term!



Breakfast Club

The children have enjoyed pancakes for breakfast as a treat this week. If you would like to inquire about a place at breakfast club please ring school office. We do have limited spaces.



OPAL

The children have been enjoying the new swing and the new hammocks. They are having Lots of fun making dens too. We are looking for old car seats/piping/guttering/wood and anything you think the children would be able to play with and make dens with. If you do have anything please can you ring school office and ask for a call back from the Play Co-ordinator.



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.
- Please stick to the schools paths when entering and leaving the site.