

Heron Newsletter – Term 3



Dates for your Diary

Term 4

- 23 Feb – Return to school
- 5 March – World Book Day
- 23 March – Parent consultation week
- 20 March – Y4 Residential
- 22 March – Break up for Easter

Attendance – Thank you to all parents who ensure that their children are in school and on time each day. As per our OFSTED recommendation and to ensure all children are able to fully access school, there will be a further focus on lateness next term.

Attendance

Possible attendance 100%
Actual Attendance this term is 94.49%

Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

As Term 3 comes to a close, we want to celebrate the wonderful learning, growth, and enthusiasm our children have shown. From the Look Who's Talking oracy competition and Celebrations to making tents and learning French, our children really do demonstrate our Heron Drivers every day.

I hope you were able to join your child for their drop-in session and they were able to demonstrate their enthusiasm and pride in their work.

We wish all our families a restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a fantastic Term 4!

Uniform Policy

We are aware of a growing number of children who are coming into school with makeup, nail varnish, fake nails, multi -coloured hair and the incorrect uniform and PE kit. With this in mind, from next term there will be a greater focus on this and parents will be asked to ensure that school policy is followed correctly.

EYFS NEWS

Reception have been really busy learning all about different fairy tales this term. We started with the Gingerbread man and made some biscuits. We have drawn maps for Goldilocks and the Three bears and tested different materials for building houses for the Three Little Pigs. We have drawn lots of characters and settings, such as wolves, pigs, giants, cottages and maps in drawing club. And also planted magic beans to hopefully reach the giant's castle. One Friday afternoon, we all had fun playing lots of different musical instruments!

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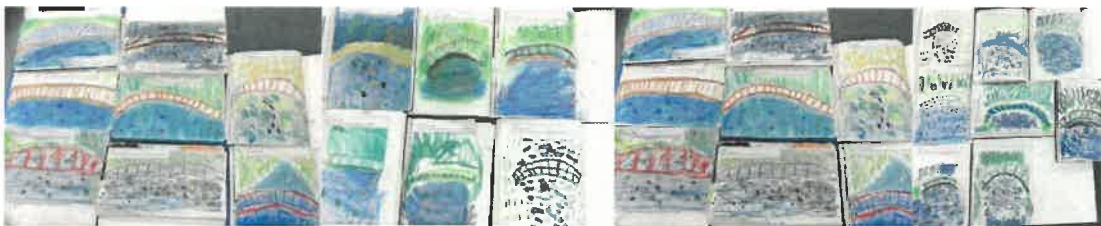
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YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 have been super busy starting the term with learning all about portraits and sculptures. We used our skills to create our own clay sculptures. We finished off the term with a local walk around Abbeydale.

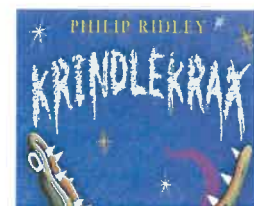
YEAR 2 NEWS

The brilliant artwork created by Year 2 in the style of Claude Monet. We used a combination of pastels and watercolours to create amazing results. We carefully thought about the impressionist style and used small brushstrokes and blended colours to create different effects.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In Year 3, we have been exploring the text 'Kindlekrax' and what has been happening in Lizard Street, would you want to live on this street? Just ask the children – what do they think of it! The children have thoroughly enjoyed creating the street, describing what it would be like to part of it and writing a setting description.



Another text the children have been analysing, is 'Ruby's Worry.' The children have discovered that a worry can increase if you keep it to yourself and not talk to a trusted adult or friend about it. They have collaborated, using their oracy skills, to discuss emotions when you are worried about something.



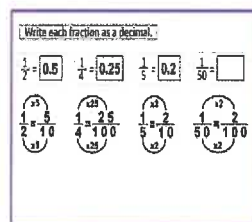
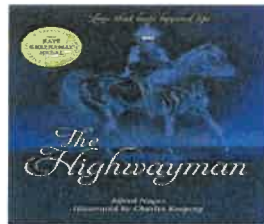
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YEAR 4 NEWS

To begin this term, we have been looking at the book 'Voices' by Anthony Browne. From this we have been creating stories that include speech punctuation. In maths, we have continued to work on our times tables. We have more recently been working on column addition and subtraction that also uses exchanging. Susan Lordi has been a focus artist for us in Art and we are preparing to make our own clay sculptures based on her work. Well done, Year 4!

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 into 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 been busy right from the start of the term! Alongside the start of our SATs preparations, we have been working hard to develop our understanding of key topics in Maths, such as fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, we have started a new class book (Alex Rider: Stormbreaker). The plot has been gripping so far and it has been inspiring our own story writing. DT has kept us busy with developing our own tents made out of recycled materials (thank you to those who were able to bring some in). In our Computing, we are beginning to develop the coding required to create a game. In Science we have looked further into the concept of inheritance and evolution, which has then been fascinating to cross reference with our learning in RE.

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MUSIC NEWS

The end of last term was a busy time for music!

December provided an opportunity for Y6 to showcase their Musical Theatre talents performing a Christmas production, as well as KS2 children performing their Christmas Concert to a full St Barnabus Church getting everyone into the festive spirit!

January saw Heron children return to the BP Pulse arena for the Young Voices Concert, with children from Y4-6 joining together with thousands of other children and professional singers to perform as part of the 'largest childrens' choir in the world'.

Y5&6 Lunchtime Recorder Club continues and Musical Theatre Club will be returning after half term.

COMPUTING

Digital Ambassadors

Class:	Digital Ambassadors
EVFS are responsible for Pupil Voice and supporting computer sessions	
YEAR 1: Mrs Ellis	Lottie and Max
YEAR 1.2: Miss Oldfield	Elias and Journey
YEAR 2 are responsible for Pupil Voice, floor books and supporting computer sessions	
YEAR 2.1: Miss Hetterley	Eva and Rory
YEAR 2.2: Mrs Chaudry and Mrs Beale	Harrison and Isla
YEAR 3 are responsible for Pupil Voice, supporting computer sessions, floor books and attending meetings	
YEAR 3.1: Mrs Couldrey and Mrs Watson	Hayleigh and Ibrahim
YEAR 3.2: Mrs Raddis and Mrs Price	Isaac and Freya
YEAR 4 are responsible for Pupil Voice, supporting computer sessions, floor books and attending meetings	
YEAR 4.1: Mrs Milsom and Mrs Castle	Ryan and Franco
YEAR 4.2: Mrs Banks and Mrs Jones	Ethan and Eira
YEAR 5 are responsible for Pupil Voice, supporting computer sessions, floor books, checking the computer suite and leading Digital meetings	
YEAR 5.1: Mr Brentley	George and Laila
YEAR 5.2: Mr Kitson	Ella and Teddy
YEAR 6 are responsible for Pupil Voice, supporting computer sessions, floor books, checking the computer suite and leading Digital meetings	
YEAR 6.1: Miss Swan	Cole and Indie
YEAR 6.2: Mr Smith	Parnika and Harley

Congratulations to the Digital Ambassadors, who will represent Heron by managing the IT equipment, Computer Suite, supporting children with being Safe online and being part of a team with Mrs Price (Computing Lead).

Breakfast Club

Children have been busy creating pictures to go up in Morrisons, whilst enjoying a healthy breakfast.

Breakfast club times are 7.45 – 8.40 , if you would like a space at breakfast club please enquire at office and we will be in touch.

Each session costs £4

OPAL

The children have enjoyed playing with the soft mud and some great dens have been made. Please remember that all children should have wellies in school to enhance their play. We do have some spare wellies in school so if you need any, just let the office know. Please also ensure your child has their coat in school every day.

Thank you for your Opal donations, they really do make a difference to the children`s play. We are currently looking for donations of car seats, pushchairs (full size and dolls), plastic bins and figures.

If anyone has any top soil or bark they could donate to the school we would really appreciate this, please let the office know.

Reminders to Parents

- Please remember that all lost property can be found in the Lost Property box in the foyer. Please name your child`s belongings and uniform so that it is easy to return to them.