



Our School Values: Excellence, Friendship & Respect

Our Learning Powers: Resilience, Reflectiveness, Resourcefulness and Reciprocity

Dear Parents,





Welcome to Heron class. The children have settled in well and are embracing the new routines quickly. We are very proud of their positive start and learning attitudes.

It was lovely to meet parents at the 'meet the teacher' on Thursday 16th September, where we shared information about the year ½ class and our topic **All About Me**. Please find the class overview below which further outlines learning expectations for our first term. A class school trip is to be confirmed.

Thank you for your continued support and please ask if you have any queries.

Kindest regards,
Miss Donlon, Mrs Woodman and Mrs Woodward

<p>English The children will be looking at writing a narrative influenced by a variety of fiction and non-fiction, our text driver is Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. There will be a range of writing opportunities including: post cards, diary writing, a newspaper report, and narratives: with a focus on settings, characters & plot, and more. We will also be looking at poetry inspired by real life experiences and events. Any practise of sentence structure, the correct use of punctuation, spellings and neat pre-cursive handwriting would certainly benefit your child. <i>Year 2 to practice editing.</i></p> <p>Guided Reading Throughout the week your child will participate in a range of reading activities, including an adult listening to them read within a small reading group and independently, reading record books are stamped accordingly.</p>	  
<p>Mathematics The children will be recapping and consolidating their knowledge of Number: Place Value. They will be taught a range of skills including counting in 2,5 and 10's and, recognising the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number (10s and 1s). The children will learn to read and write numbers up to 20/50 in numerals and in words. They will also be developing the skills associated with Addition & Subtraction and Multiplication & Division, including formal written methods. The children will solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above.</p>	
<p>Science The topic children will be looking at humans and animals. The children will focus on how animals and humans use their senses to survive before moving onto classifying animals and their habitats.</p>	
<p>ICT The children will become familiar with using technology and programmes to research to find out more about areas of our topic. They will also be using the Bee-Bots to discuss direction and programming.</p>	
<p>RE The children will explore and reflect on their understanding of Christianity through discussion and activities from the unit Creation and People of God. They will also take part in daily whole-school acts of worship and will be encouraged to adopt a Christian attitude to their daily activities in line with our Christian values.</p>	
<p>Geography The learning question is How is the community of Longparish different to Botswana? The children will investigate the difference between two cultures through the exploration of familiar surroundings: their school and grounds and its immediate local area.</p>	
<p>History The children will study the life and work of Florence Nightingale; they will identify similarities and differences to do with our topic All About Me with reference to the current work of our NHS.</p>	
<p>Art The children will study a range of abstract and cubist artworks from the artists Picasso and Kandinsky. They will develop skills by using a range of media including pencil, pastel, charcoal, paint and clay to explore their own ideas.</p>	
<p>DT The children will design, make and evaluate a range of products linked to our topic, a homework task will be set in due course.</p>	

<p>PSHE The topics are New Beginnings: Our happy school and Out and About: Getting on and falling out, incorporating Anti-Bullying week, which will all be explored through whole-class discussion and short activities. They will also explore the meaning of community.</p>	
<p>PE Your child will take part in dance with Miss Donlon on a Thursday afternoon; this will challenge the children individually and as a unit. They will also participate in team games/multi-skills with a PH Sports specialist on a Wednesday afternoon.</p>	
<p>Music A specialist music teacher will be teaching your child on a Wednesday morning.</p>	
<p>House Points and Class Reward As well as getting House Points for their learning and positive behaviour, children are rewarded for their learning by collecting multilink cubes in a jar. Once the jar is full a class reward is agreed by all.</p>	
<p>Homework 😊 😊 😊</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The children will receive spellings which they will learn for a weekly test on a Friday ➤ Daily reading practice – please record their reading in your child’s reading record ➤ Doodle Maths and English – to be completed on a regular basis during the week. At least 3 times per week if possible. 	