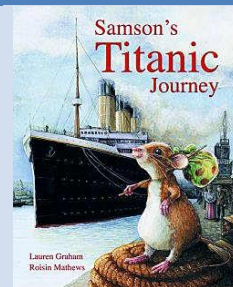


Heron Class 'All aboard'

Excellence Friendship Respect

English

Our text this term is 'Samson's Titanic Journey' by Lauren Graham. This text will give the children an opportunity to learn some subject specific vocabulary to build on the background knowledge of Titanic. We will explore the expanded noun phrases used, looking at this story that has been written for effect with subordination. We will be concentrating on possessive apostrophes, contractions and adverbs in Year 2. Year 1 will be focusing on learning to write slowly and check as they are writing, whereas Year 2 will be making revisions for their writing, improving their choice of vocabulary. Our aim is to create a 'Guide to the Titanic for the Mice' learning how to write an information text.



Phonics and Spelling

We will continue to use phonics programme, 'Essential Letters and Sounds' for Year 1. Children will be learning about alternative graphemes. Children will be reading their phonics readers at school with adults in school so we can concentrate on reading and comprehension skills at home. Year 2 will also be learning about different spelling patterns. Please do continue to learn to spell Year 2 common exception words and use this within their writing.



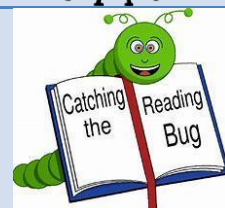
Guided Reading

Every day your child will participate in a different Guided Reading activity. During the week an adult will listen to every child read at least once and also they will be heard within a small reading group which will be recorded in the home reading record book.



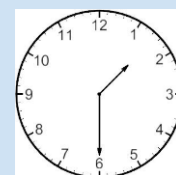
Reading at home

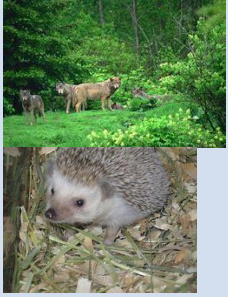
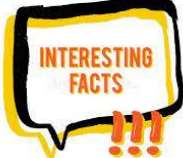


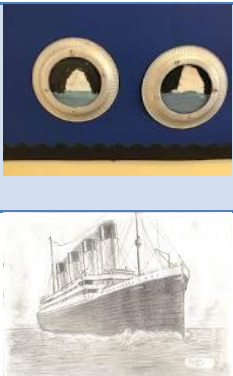

Each week children's phonics books will be changed. Encourage your child to sound out and blend their sounds. Re-read the book four times and to ask or answer simple questions about the text but always to build up your child's fluency. Each child will also get the opportunity to choose a library book, a shared reader, which is intended to be enjoyed with an adult to help support their reading and encourage their reading for pleasure.



Mathematics

This term we will be recapping subtraction and appropriate strategies. We will be ensuring children have a strong knowledge of mental maths, using their times tables, number bonds within 20 and partitioning. Year 1 will learn about weight & volume whereas Year 2 will focus on mass, capacity and temperature. We encourage children to practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and numbers bonds and telling the time to ensure these skills become automatic.



<p>Mathematics at home Your child will be able to log on to Times Tables Rockstars and Doodle Maths to challenge themselves!</p>	
<p>Science The children will continue to consolidate their learning about the different seasons throughout the year. Children will continue to learn about different kinds of animals and habitats and link these to food chains.</p>	
<p>ICT The children will be encouraged to be aware of Internet Safety. We will be learning how to present our ideas using different programs- along with creating fact pages and presentations.</p>	
<p>RE This term we are focusing on Christianity. We are focusing on the God unit, and thinking about how Christians view God and think about the story of Jonah and the Fish.</p>	
<p>History We will embark onboard the Titanic as our Hook day, where the children will experience what life would have been like. We will learn about the different classes on board, thinking about the food they would have eaten, the clothes they would have worn and their living conditions. We will research some interesting facts and explore why people were wanting to leave for America.</p>	
<p>Art & DT The children will be learning to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination, thinking about the Titanic. We will experiment using sketching, watercolours, recycled materials and even clay.</p>	
<p>PSHE As a school, we are following a new scheme called SCARF. The topics we will be learning are Inside my wonderful body, Taking care of a baby, Then and now, Who can help? ,Surprises and secrets, Keeping privates private. These are taught sensitively with three characters called Kiki , Derek and Harold.</p>	
<p>PE The children have the fantastic opportunity to be involved in a Country Dancing Festival, so this term we will continue to learn the different moves and routines. This term the children will continue to take part in Athletics; running, hurdles, jumping throwing, and catching with our sports coach from PH Sports.</p>	