



Heron Class Newsletter Autumn 2017

Dear Parents /Carers

Welcome to Year 6 - the Heron class ! I hope that you have all had a great Summer and are refreshed and ready for the action packed year ahead !

This year, Year 6 will be taught as a single year group on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings. They will be joined by Year 5 for the afternoon sessions when Miss Usher will be covering topic work. On Thursday and Friday Year 5 and 6 will be taught together by myself for the full day.

This term's topics

History - The Victorians

Science - The circulatory system and body health

RE - Hindi Dharma

Art - Degas - using charcoal

Geography - America

DT - Creating a Healthy soup

PSHE - 1st Half term - Healthy eating 2nd half term - drugs, alcohol and tobacco

Music - 2nd half term - Christmas Production & Whole class Recorder lessons

PE

This term we will be doing PE on a Tuesday afternoon with Brad from Barrow AFC. Children must have a full PE kit (navy shorts, pumps/trainers and white t shirt) in school at **all times**.

As the Winter months approach all children should also have a pair of leggings / joggers for outdoor lessons. PE kits will be sent home at the end of every half term or as necessary.

The children will also be swimming every Thursday afternoon until Christmas. The first swimming lesson will be **next week** (Thursday 14th September). The cost remains at £2 this year and all monies should be brought to school in a named envelope please.

Reading and Spelling

Reading is an important part of the curriculum and children in Year 6 are still expected to read at home every evening. Reading records should be brought to school daily please.

As part of our English lessons we will have a weekly spelling focus. Children will be given a list of words to learn as part of their homework, which will also be reinforced during English lessons. Spellings will be tested every Friday.

Homework

In addition to the weekly spellings and daily reading, we will also have a weekly times table focus, Children should revise these as part of their homework and they will be tested on a Friday.

In Year 6, any homework that is given in addition to spellings, reading and times tables, will be designed to reinforce your child's individual learning. The days on which homework is set are flexible and there may be occasions when they do not receive additional homework.

Please do take time to look at your child's homework with them and help if necessary, but please do not do it for them.

All children have a homework diary where they will record any homework which they need to complete and these must be brought in to school daily. Please check and sign the homework record book every week.

Equipment/ Belongings

All children are provided with all the equipment they need in class, so they don't need to bring their own pencil cases to school. Every child has been supplied with a water bottle. If your child loses their water bottle a charge of £1.50 will be made for a replacement.

Please, please, please could you ensure that all items of your child's school uniform are named (particularly PE kits and jumpers). We spend so much time every day trying to find the owners of various items of clothing, and I'm sure you'll agree it's an expensive and frustrating business if you have to replace lost uniform.

Thank you for your continued support, it's going to be a very busy and exciting year!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes

Mrs Hodgkiss