



Curriculum News

Hérons | Years 1 & 2 | Autumn 2019

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What are Herons learning?

English: We have had a very enjoyable first few weeks in Herons class exploring Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' in our English lessons. We have been writing character descriptions using amazing adjectives. We have created wanted posters to catch the terrible Twits and we have also completed independent book reviews of our class story. Over the next few weeks we will be having a look at non-fiction writing as well as diving into some poetry.

Maths: As always at this time of year, we have started the half term with a recap on number fluency and place value. We have been working on reading and writing numbers up to 1-100 in numerals and in words. We have also been comparing and sorting groups of objects in different ways. We are working on our number fluency, counting forwards and backwards from a given number. We are starting to compare numbers using mathematical symbols such as $<$, $>$ and $=$. We will also be learning about partitioning numbers into part-whole models. Over the next few weeks, and after half term, we will be looking into addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods. We will also be working on our reasoning and problem solving skills.

Topic: Our new topic for Autumn term is called 'Lost World'. We have already begun our new topic with a blast from the past when a suitcase full of old items arrived in our classroom! We have already started to learn about how different our world used to be, going right back to prehistoric times! We will be travelling through time to learn all about important changes that have happened, significant historical events, people and eras and comparing them to the modern day and the world we know now.

Science: This half term we are learning all about habitats and animals. We have discovered the habitats of a variety of animals and compared them. We have used what we already know to ask questions and investigate. We have linked our learning to our topic, classifying different dinosaurs by what they eat and how they adapted. We will also be linking to our topic again by considering how different habitats have been or are being damaged due to our changing world.

Art & DT: So far this year we have been very artistic! We began the year by drawing some amazing and colourful self-portraits! We have created art work for our topic by painting a prehistoric scene, as well as decorating stones in the style of the Stone Age. We have also made an absolutely magnificent roly-poly bird for our English display. Linking DT to Science we will be designing and making our own animal habitats.

RE: This half term our focus is God and Creation. After half term, it will be the Christmas Journey to Bethlehem.

Computing: Introducing Purple Mash

PE: Yoga on a Tuesday until half term, team games with FTFC on Wednesdays and hockey on Fridays. Please make sure your child has shin-pads and trainers for hockey!

A message from Miss Woods,

What an amazing start we have made to the school year! I am so impressed by how hard-working, polite and enthusiastic Herons have been so far. I am very excited for the year we have together. Please keep up this amazing, positive attitude - you are all proving to have super Growth Mindsets!

Parents - thank you so much for all of your support so far with reading, homework and spellings. I understand it is a big step up from Robins and it can be quite tricky to get used to! If there are any questions or concerns please let me know by popping into class or calling the school office.

Thank you! Miss Woods

