

# Heron Newsletter – Term 2



## Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have come to the end of a very busy term at school. The children have been working hard both in school and during our After School Clubs. We hope you were able to attend our parent consultation evenings earlier in the term and found the information useful. It was fantastic to see so many of you attending our Christmas productions- we hope you enjoyed them.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

Mrs Brookes

- Cars are NOT permitted in the school car park without a permit. We are frequently being told that cars are turning around in the gateways after dropping off children or driving through the car park to drop off. This is extremely dangerous! Please park considerably OUTSIDE the school and in surrounding areas when dropping off and picking up your child. Thank you. We continue to work in partnership with Cllr Gravells and the Local Authority to try and improve road safety around our school.

## EYFS NEWS

Another fantastic term for Reception where we have loved learning all about Space. The children have loved finding out about the solar system and different planets. We have also worked very hard on our nativity performance and we really hope that the parents enjoyed it. We were certainly very proud of them. Well done for finishing your first Autumn Term at school Reception - we can't wait to welcome you back in the new year for lots more fun.



## Dates for your Diary

### Term 3

- 6 Jan – INSERVICE
- 7 Jan – Back to School
- 28 Feb -Young Voices
- 14 Feb – last Day Break up
- 17-21 Feb – Half Term Break
- 24 Feb - Back to school

### Attendance

Possible attendance 100%  
Actual Attendance 93.68%

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## YEAR 1 NEWS

This term we have been very lucky and had some very exciting weather, SNOW! Year 1 enjoyed going outdoors to explore the weather and the snow. We were very busy practicing for our Nativity including learning lots of new songs and dances and enjoyed performing them to our parents. In DT we have been looking at joining materials and have been using our fine motor skills to sew together materials to create puppets.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have had an exciting term. The children had an amazing London Day! Learning about the capital city, travelling to key landmarks, finding them on maps, hearing stories about London and creating postcards. We had a DT day, where we made our portable snacks, tasted and evaluated them. The children tried interesting flavours and thought carefully about how they could make improvements. Year 2 also conducted an ice experiment in Science. Their mission was to free the animal trapped inside and find out if salt helped the ice to melt quicker.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

This term we have been travelling back in time to learn about life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We've even created dances based on the Stone Age! We have also conducted surveys by asking and answering questions in French and produced bar charts to show our findings. We have enjoyed producing stop frame animations in Computing and created some exciting Christmas surprises in DT.

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## Year 4 NEWS

In DT, we have created fantastic moving animals using pneumatics. We spent some time carefully designing our animals and thinking about the creation process. It was important we knew exactly which part of our model was going to move before we started making it. The children loved each stage and we really enjoyed testing the models as a class. In computing, we have been using a program called 'Audacity' to record our voices using a microphone. We've practiced recording our voice, importing music and sound effects, and then layering these so that our voice is playing with background music. Our final piece of work will be to record a short podcast of our own.

Well done Year 4, you have worked really hard throughout the Autumn Term. Enjoy a well-deserved Christmas break.

## Year 5 NEWS



This term, Year 5 have enjoyed carrying out scientific investigations in both our forces unit and testing the insulating properties of materials. We have been studying the book "Street Child" and we have been amazed by the standard of writing of the children, as well as their empathy for the main character, Jim. We have studied both North and South America, discussing their similarities and differences, while in Art we have looked at the artists, Pablo Picasso and Gustav Klimt. We also really enjoyed our Church visit to learn more about the Christmas story.

## Year 6 NEWS

Year 6 have had another busy term! In English, we have turned our attention to a new book: Wolf Brother (by Michelle Paver). This has inspired us to write historical fantasy stories, persuasive letters and reports. In History, we have been developing our understanding of the religious beliefs that ancient civilisations had. In addition, in Geography, we have compared biomes and tested our knowledge of compass directions. Lastly, in Art we have taken inspiration from artists (such as Botticelli) to create our own ancient Greek pieces of artwork. In Computing, we have created webpages about biomes which has really challenged our ability to make a topic both informative and presentable.

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## Inclusion Team

Thank you to all who attended our very first 'Meet the Inclusion team' coffee afternoon. We have been busy behind the scenes working with outside agencies to offer parents and carers some great workshops such as: Children's mental health workshop, which is being held at school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 1:15pm. We will be holding more coffee sessions in 2025 so please keep a look out for the dates. Furthermore, we have developed a school offer leaflet which can be found on our website, this gives you information about what we offer as a school but also what services may be able to support you and your children. The inclusion team would like to take this time to wish you a very restful break.

## Opal news

The children have been having fun doing different activities during Opal. They thoroughly enjoyed playing with the snow. Please remember that all children need wellies and waterproofs to enjoy the full range of activities. Your child should always have a coat in school as well as their waterproofs.

If you are having a clear out to make room for new Christmas gifts, we are always looking for donations to enhance your child's play.

We are especially looking for donations of scooters, balance bikes, dolls prams and real size pushchairs, the top of slides (the bit you actually slide down) and figures of any sort.

Thank you to all parents who have brought donations into school this term, they are always appreciated.

## Breakfast Club

The children have been busy making Christmas cards and Christmas tree decorations.

There are limited spaces left at Breakfast Club but if you would like to enquire about a place for your child, please call the office.

Thank you to Morrisons for all donations this term.



## Reminders to Parents

- Could we politely remind parents that your child will need a warm PE kit in school next term, including joggers, a warm jumper and trainers. These MUST be in the specified school colours and NOT football shirts.
- Thank you to the Friends of Heron for the Christmas Fair, they raised an amazing £1,573.23. Friends of Heron wish to thank you all for the donations towards the fair. They helped make the FPair a huge success.