

Heron Class

Information for parents

Term 1
Autumn 2023



Class Teacher and TAs

Sarah Smith (Teacher)
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Claire Keys (TALL)
Sam O'Neill (TA)
Teresa Gunning (TA)

Regular events:

Tuesday: PE and Music

Wednesday: Ifield Woods

Thursday: Food Technology and
PE Enrichment

General Information

Welcome to Heron class! We have 15 students in our class, aged year 7 to year 9. This term our topic is called *Growing and Changing*; which we will incorporate into all areas of the curriculum.

Homework and contact

Thank you for using the Home/School Journals, the comments we receive are really helpful. Please do continue to let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Please read/share a book with your child every night, using the reading record to support this. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate named clothing for activities we are doing such as PE kit/coats and jumpers.

English:

In English pupils will be developing their writing skills through a range of different genre. E.g. Story writing, recounts and instructions.

We will practice our handwriting daily using a cursive script.

Pupils will be improving their phonic skills through Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

Our daily reading sessions will include a range of tasks E.g. Guided reading, written comprehension, independent reading and spelling/grammar skills.

We will be following a number of texts which link to our topic; growing and changing.

Maths:

Pupils will be following the Numicon maths scheme at their own level and will be learning about place value, addition, subtraction and shapes.



History:

Pupils will be learning about a range of historic events in time and develop their ability to order these. They will also be ordering events in their own lives.



Science:

Pupils will be learning about scientific properties and changing materials in science. They will be completing a range of practical experiments.

Art:

Pupils will be exploring the artwork of Leonardo Da Vinci.

Food Tech:

The pupils will be making a range of sweet and savoury dishes this term, focusing on pastry.

Cooking is every Thursday morning.



Life Skills:

This term we are developing our self help skills around the home including; making the bed, being safe in the kitchen and being responsible for our own belongings.

We will also have a weekly computing lesson, allowing pupils to upskill their Computing skills.

PSHE (Personal, social and health education):

In PSHE, the pupils will be focussing on identifying qualities in themselves and key events in their own lives. We will be following a scheme called PELICAN- promoting emotional literacy in Children with additional needs.

Physical Education:

Heron Class will be completing a range of team games in PE; developing their teamwork and decision making skills.

On our PE Enrichment afternoon we will be cycling.



Religious Education:

In RE the pupils will be learning about religious festivals across different faiths.



Ifield Woods

Pupils will have the opportunity to visit Ifield Woodlands on a Wednesday afternoon. Please can appropriate footwear be provided.



Careers

On a Friday afternoon the pupils will be researching different jobs and careers. They will be looking at the skills and qualities needed to complete different roles.

