



Herons Welcome Letter – September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. We are really looking forward to working with your child this year. Our first topic is 'An Island Home' where the children will be learning about the United Kingdom.

We would like to share with you some key information regarding routines for this term, together with our curriculum overview map for Terms 1 and 2 so you can see what we will be learning.

Our PE this year will be on a Friday morning and the children will be required to come in to school in their PE kit and then will remain in it all day.

As a school, we are passionate about reading and in Herons Class we would like to celebrate and encourage reading at home. Every week we are going to race to the finish line in our racing cars to collect team points and a reading sticker every time we cross the finish line. When your child has collected 25 reading stickers, they will earn a reading badge. In order to cross the finish line your child needs to read at least 4 times a week.

The reading records will be checked daily and stamped to acknowledge that we have seen them. I will reply to any comments that are in there.

Please could you write in their reading record every time they read and note down the page number that they have read up to. The children are aware that they do not need to read a whole book every time they read, but need to read at least a few pages.

Reading books will start to be sent home this Thursday for all children.

Year 1 - Reading books will be changed on a Thursday.

Year 2 – They will bring home one Accelerated Reader book. Once they have read it, they will then take a quiz on it and change the book.

We will also visit the school library every Monday where the children can choose one book to bring home to share for the week.

Homework will be sent out on a Friday and will be due back in on a Wednesday.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and they will be tested on the following Friday. We will stick them into their homework books that they will bring home on a Friday.

We will be using Seesaw to communicate with you. Please do check Seesaw for any messages or class information updates from us. Remember that you can use this to communicate with us too and we will be checking daily for messages.

Forest School details will be sent out soon.

Kind regards

Miss Costen, Mr Dendy, Mrs Arnold and Mrs Brice