

Year 3 and 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 2022

Please read this termly newsletter, it is intended to help you to assist your son or daughter with their studies and is an extension of our home-school partnership.

In such a newsletter, we can only provide a brief outline, but we hope it will give some idea of the areas that we shall be covering this term. Other information can also be found on our website – www.heronsgate.org.uk.

Year 3 Staff

Nightingales: Mrs Oubridge-Lyons Acting Phase Leader (Year 3 and 4)

Wrens: Mr Wilson

Sparrows: Mr Paine

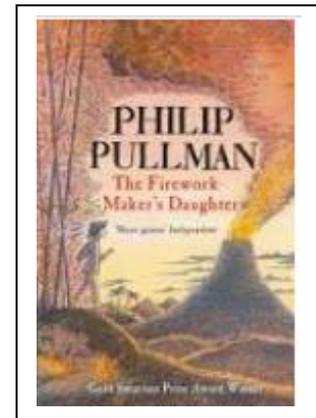
Year 4 Staff

Hérons: Mrs Cogger

Moorhens: Mrs Graban

Swans: Mrs Malik

Kingfishers: Mrs Williams



CURRICULUM NEWS – Summer 1 – Rocks, Relics and Rumbles.

This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity. We will describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and Tsunamis.

English: We will be focus on writing a range of different text types, including:

Newspapers, narratives, diary entries, letters, myths and legends. There will be a strong emphasis on talking and rehearsing before writing, as well as reading, editing and improving written work.

Spellings: Children will focus on approximately 10 words a week, which will be sent home with the half termly homework project. Whilst we will practice these through our 'Fast Learning' sessions of which there are four per week, it would be highly beneficial for them to practice these at home too.

Guided Reading: Guided reading sessions will take place 4 times a week. During these sessions, children will take part in focused reading activities to develop their understanding of different text types and become immersed in a class text. They will be encouraged to ask questions and make appropriate inferences based on what they have read.

Maths: There will be a focus on solving word problems, fractions, shape, time, measure, volume and shape. Children will be practicing their times table facts through regular access to TT Rockstars twice a week at school, but further practice at home is strongly encouraged.

PE: Children will have two sessions per week, one outdoors ('Games') and one indoors ('P.E.'). This is a compulsory part of the curriculum and to maximize the time the children are active, this year we are introducing PE ready. This means your child is expected to attend school in their P.E. kit on the days they have P.E. and Games lessons. PE ready days are unchanged.

Homework: Half termly projects linked to the topic will be set, with a choice of different styles of presentation for children to choose from. They may complete one or two tasks. All homework projects will be shared with the class and 5 Marvelous Me points awarded. In addition, a weekly Maths activity will be sent home on Mondays. Maths homework will be rewarded with 1 MME point, if brought in on time. Weekly spellings will be set and spelling shed can be used to practice these. More detail is in the homework letter.

PSHE: We use a program called jigsaw to deliver our PHSE which have been developed to support the emotional development of children in Year 3 and year 4. Children will be introduced to Jigsaw Jino and Jerrie the Cat.

How can you support your child at home?

- Hear your child read at least 3 times a week
- Encourage them to practice their weekly spellings, TTRockstars and SUMDOG
- Encourage them to use their mental maths to add, subtract, multiply and divide numbers in everyday life, for example there are 7 weeks left of term – how many days at school is that?
- Support your child in learning to tell the time.
- Support them with their homework projects – we don't mind if it is a team effort!
- Allow your child to go on ihub to practice reading comprehension skills



Summer 2 Gods and Mortals

From nothingness came chaos; from chaos came air and water; from air and water came life. Then, rising majestically from the darkness, came Gaia, Mother Earth, a beacon of warmth and light. Discover a fantastical world full of mythical creatures and legendary heroes. Poseidon, Apollo, Artemis and Zeus reign almighty from Mount Olympus, watching mere mortals on dusty Athenian streets. Meet Theseus, the hero, and Helen of Troy, the beautiful face that launched a thousand ships. Explore the terrains of Greece, where in pure blue skies, the Sun scorches waxen wings and melts the fortunes of Icarus and Daedalus. Then decide your own fate when a mysterious box is found and stirs your curious mind.



Trips

Some Year 4 children will be attending Irthorborough, and alternative activities will be arranged for the children who remain in school.

In summer 2, we will have a Greek day and will be dressing up in ancient Greek clothing. We have some fun activities planned for the day.