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Herons Link-Up – Autumn 2018

Welcome back Herons! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are ready for the new school year. I am very excited to begin my teaching journey here at Benwick Primary School and I am sure that we will all have a great year together!

Our topic up until October half term is 'The Stone Age'. Over the next half-term we will be learning about what life was like in the Stone Age (including making some lovely stewed fruit). We will also be looking at making Stone Age axes and designing and making our own Stone Age houses in Design and Technology. After October half-term we will be focussing on Roald Dahl, including looking at many of his fantastic books! During the half-term we will have opportunities to explore Roald Dahl's life, whilst studying Quentin Blake's illustrations in Art.

This half-term we will be covering two Science topics, including 'Animals, including Humans' and 'Rocks'. Within the first topic we will be looking at the different types of skeletons, before looking at how our muscles are used for support, protection and movement. Then we will be learning about the different types of rock. After half-term our topic will change to 'Sound'. During the topic, children will have lots of opportunities for some hands-on investigations, including making their own musical instruments.

After the October half-term, children will have opportunities to 'Be a Baker' during our Design and Technology lessons. During the sessions children will have opportunities to taste different breads and even bake their own bread! In Geography, children will be locating the world's countries on maps, with a more in depth focus on the physical and human features of Europe and the Americas.

This year I will be taking the children for both PE sessions. PE lessons will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Bring your PE kit on a Monday and take it home on a Friday, just in case there are any changes to our week! Our outdoor PE sessions this half-term will be based around ball handling, with our indoor PE being Dance, focussing on Machines. After half-term we will be 'Striking and Fielding', whilst continuing Dance based on the Solar System.

In RE, we will be learning about Jesus and the stories of his disciples, with a heavy emphasis on 'friendship'. Alongside this in PSHE, our topic for the half-term is 'Beginning and Belonging' of which will assist children into settling into the new school year and classroom changes. In the lead up to Christmas, children will be learning about the Church Year, including the Christmas story.

Mrs Clutton will be taking the children on a Friday afternoon for French and Music lessons up until Christmas, of which will alternate each week.

This term I have set the children a 'choice' style homework. Each week they will be able to choose a task from a set grid based on our topics of 'The Stone Age' and 'Roald Dahl'. Homework will be sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday, at the latest.

In addition, children will be sent home with a set of timetables and spellings to practice. Please help your child to practise their spellings and timetables at home. Your child should be taking their reading book home **every night**. Please make sure that you listen to them read and comment in their reading record. At school, children will be read to daily with our class book, however, it is just as important for children to have somebody read to them on occasion at home. This could be recorded in their reading record also.

If you wish to discuss or share any further information please do not hesitate to book an appointment with me through the school office or speak to me after school. Equally, if there are ever any concerns, questions or clarifications needed, I am only ever a phone call or email away. I am really looking forward to working with you to ensure your child has an enjoyable and successful year in Herons class.

Best wishes,

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