



# Spring Term Newsletter



Heron Class – Miss Cullup and Mrs Broomfield

Welcome back to another term of great learning and wish you all a Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful Christmas. We are looking forward to a busy term packed with fun learning. This term we will be developing our learning with a focus on Geography, Art & Design, Science, History and D&T. In Art, we will be exploring the work of William Morris and creating repeated patterns using printing methods. In Geography we will be extending and deepening learning from last half term, exploring the Kenyan culture and the Masai tribe. In Science we will be exploring materials and their uses and properties. In history we will be exploring the history of Haverhill and the historical links to King Henry VIII. Our weekly PSHE circle time focus will be Dreams and Goals. We will be celebrating our current achievements and discussing our goals and potential future achievements.

## PE Schedule & Equipment

PE will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has the correct PE Kit in school all week; including shorts or jogging bottoms, a PE shirt and trainers.



## Spellings and Times tables Practise

Please practise your child's weekly spelling list with them and post the evidence of this on their Class Dojo portfolio. Please practise times tables as often as possible at home. A mix of 2, 5, and 10 times tables up to  $\_\_ \times 12$ .



## Home/School communication & Home Learning

We will continue to use Class Dojo as a communication tool this year. Homework will be given on a Monday, including spellings and returned the following Monday. Reading books will be given out on a Monday and a Thursday although books may be returned when you have finished reading.

## Reading Racetrack

Please ensure that when you read with your child, you make a record of this in their reading log. We then check this weekly and make a record of how many reads each child in Heron Class is completing. For each read they complete, they move up our reading racetrack. There are milestone prizes and prizes for the children who accumulate the most reads in the class! The children are expected to read at 3 times a week at home and read are calculated every Thursday.



## Helping your child at home

Please help your child be prepared for school with the necessary equipment, this will help them feel ready for the day. We also ask that you try to encourage a love of reading at home, this will help your child to become an independent learner, and find inspiration in the world around them. Also encourage a good bedtime so we don't get sleepy and grumpy learners.

## Correct School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day, including black shoes. As the weather is colder this term, and the playground is very windy please ensure your child has a coat every day.

