

Welcome to Heron Class



2020-21

Years 5 and 6

Teacher: Mr Jones

*Challenge, Commit, Conquer,
Celebrate*

Hello Young Heron!

Welcome to the greatest class in the entire school! I have personally selected you to become part of the Heron family for this coming year, where we will embark on an epic journey in learning. You obviously have the best teacher in the school and no doubt we will have a fantastic time together. My expectations are extremely high but I am sure that we will work hard and enjoy our year together in Heron Class.

This year you will have the opportunity to work with Miss Cooling, Miss Cartwright and Mrs Kibble through a variety of interventions and support.



Mr Jones



Miss Cooling



Miss Cartwright



Mrs Kibble

We are very lucky to have Miss Cooling within Heron class every morning and she is very excited to meet you all. A message from Miss Cooling. "Hello Heron class. I am really looking forward to moving from KS1 to KS2 and embarking on this adventure with you! The majority of you won't necessarily know me that well, but I am excited to get to know you all. I know for sure that you are entering the best class in the school and myself and Mr Jones will make this year as fun as possible, whilst maintaining high expectations of your learning. See you in September young Herons!"

For some of you now entering upper key stage 2, this is where work gets even more serious. No doubt, you will have the best two years of your school life in years 5 and 6, and I am sure we will have a fantastic time challenging ourselves and celebrating our successes along the way. As for those of you in year 6, you will already know that these are the best years and some of you are returning to my class for a second year.

For those of you coming into year 5 there will be an increase in responsibility, where you will now have the opportunity to try out for sports teams, apply for house captain and the chance to represent the school on various occasions. When you return in Autumn, our topic will be Mexico and the Mayans, which I am extremely excited about and looking forward to exploring with you. No doubt aspects of school life will be slightly different when you return, but I am confident that we will conquer these challenges together and learn lots along the way.

I cannot wait to see you all on our return in September, for now enjoy your summer holidays and stay safe ready for a whole year of exciting learning!

Yours sincerely

Mr Jones

In Heron Class

Heron class's week at a glance	
Monday	Reading records checked. Maths homework due in. PE afternoon.
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Guided reading homework due in. PE in the morning.
Thursday	
Friday	

In our class, my expectations for behaviour are extremely high, as some of you may already know from being in my class previously. I expect all young Herons to try new things and to give 100% effort whilst doing so. However, learning is supposed to be fun, engaging and exciting. We will develop our curiosity through asking questions and exploring to find answers to these questions. When you leave Heron class, or for some of you leave St White's, you will be ready for the next stage in your learning with high ambitions and you will be ready to face any challenge that may appear.

In Heron class, all pupils are always ready to learn, respectful to every adult and every peer and should always feel as if they are in a safe and stimulating environment. If any pupil has any issues, then I am always ready to listen and try my best to help. We will do this through our restorative practice where we will talk to all the pupils involved and try to find a solution to move forward.

This year we will share ideas and no doubt you young Herons will teach me something along the way to!

Our School Rules:



Mathematics

Times tables are extremely important when entering years 5 and 6 and by now you should be able to rapidly recall all 12 times tables. If you are not quite there yet, then please use this opportunity of being at home to be playing TT Rockstars and practising times tables. Last year, I had some of the quickest timetable's players in the school; it would be great if we can keep that going this year and take over the whole leader board!

Websites to support learning at home

TT rockstars - <https://trockstars.com/> - fluency of times tables

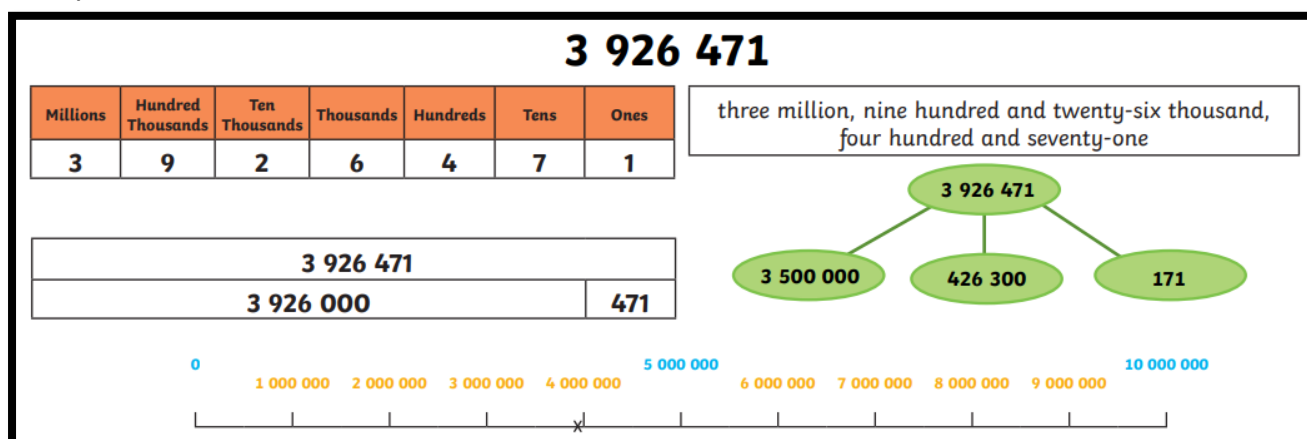
Numbots - <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro> - fluency of number facts and subitising (recognising numbers without counting them)

Hit the Button - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - fluency of number bonds, times tables and other number facts

Thinking Blocks - <https://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.html> - problem solving questions that can be modelled step by step – some of these problems get quite challenging!

Place value

Having a secure understanding of place value is a fundamental of mathematics. By the end of the year we will all be able to read, write and compare 5, 6 and 7-digit numbers. See below for an example.



Written calculations

This year we will be exploring a variety of different written methods in order to complete addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. Whether it is long multiplication or short division we will get a lot of practice throughout the year and we will certainly get to apply our knowledge of times tables. See right for examples.

$$13547 + 4572 =$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 13547 \\ + 4572 \\ \hline 18119 \end{array}$$

$$6642 \div 27 =$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 20 + 7 = 27 \\ 40 + 14 = 54 \\ 60 + 21 = 81 \\ 80 + 28 = 108 \\ 100 + 35 = 135 \\ 120 + 42 = 162 \end{array}$$

$$13547 - 4572 =$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 13547 \\ - 4572 \\ \hline 08975 \end{array}$$

$$3024 \div 7 =$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0432 \\ 7 \overline{) 3024} \end{array}$$

$$3254 \times 34 =$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3254 \\ \times 34 \\ \hline 13016 \\ + 97620 \\ \hline 110636 \end{array}$$

(3254 × 4)
(3254 × 30)

Other areas of mathematics

Maths is such an exciting subject, where we can all become excellent mathematicians. This year we will be covering lots of different areas of mathematics and the examples above are only a few. We will explore fractions, decimals, percentages, factors, multiples, square numbers, cube numbers, shape, measurements, money, ratio and proportion (Y6) and multi-step word problems. With so much fantastic learning preparing to take place, it is important that you have a good knowledge of your times tables and place value. If you would like to help at home then please use the list of websites above to support learning from home.

Reading

Reading is AMAZING! Reading provides you the opportunity to get lost in a magical world, or go to a place where dragons or demons become real. "Books train your mind and your imagination to think BIG" – Taylor Swift, and this is exactly what we will be doing this year!

I love reading and hopefully, if you don't already, by the end of your time in Heron class you will too. This year we will immerse ourselves in six novels as a class, which have been specifically chosen to run alongside our learning. We will enjoy reading for pleasure, engaging with authors and hopefully meeting some of these authors along the way. You will have guided reading novels, which will form part of your homework and you will share your likes, dislikes, questions and connections with your peers. We will form mini book groups within class where you will be able to discuss the books that you are reading and share this with other classes. I am always adding to my collection of guided reading novels and trying to find something that everyone will enjoy. You may also borrow books of my very own bookshelf and share these with your families at home. We will be reading lots for prepare yourself for that challenge!

Throughout the year, I will host various lunch time book clubs where I will share new books, new authors and exciting new stories. These clubs are a perfect way to help manage your homework as everyone will be expected to read at least 5 x a time. As you are all aware by now, if this is not completed you will have to attend our lunchtime reading 'club'.

By the end of the year, year 5 pupils should be aiming to be on 'red' book band and year 6 'obsidian'. The best way to support this is by committing to read at least 5 x a week at home. If you are looking for some reading to complete over the summer holidays please check out the Summer Reading Challenge held by Cinderford Library.

I hope you are looking forward to an exciting year of reading. Below are a some of my favourite book that you may wish to read of the summer.



Writing

In writing this year, we are going to have to work harder than ever. Like everything else, my expectations are high and all pupils in Heron Class should be joining their handwriting all of the time. This is something we will be working on over the year, below is an example of the correct letter formation and expectations for year 5 and 6.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Spelling

Spelling this year will be the same as last year. Pupils will be provided with dictations that include spellings that do not follow a rule and need to be 'learnt'. This is because in school we will be working on all the other spelling rules in spellings lessons over the year.

Pupils will be tested every Thursday morning and if they are able to correctly spell their 'dictation' words, they will receive a stamp in their reading record and move onto the next list. If you are not in school on a Thursday, you will have to wait until the following week to be tested as we will need to use any other time for other learning. The key to success in spellings is practise!

I will regularly set assignments on spelling shed and I will share your username and password when we return.

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Here are your dictations for the upcoming year.

Year 5/6 word lists

<u>List 1</u> muscle necessary queue rhythm vegetable	<u>List 2</u> bruise curiosity embarrass explanation sincerely	<u>List 3</u> competition foreign leisure rhyme yacht	<u>List 4</u> achieve determined profession restaurant twelfth	<u>List 5</u> ancient familiar guarantee language symbol
<u>List 6</u> attached forty identify soldier vehicle	<u>List 7</u> awkward immediate opportunity shoulder stomach	<u>List 8</u> according bargain desperate excellent neighbour	<u>List 9</u> conscience harass individual interfere nuisance	<u>List 10</u> conscious controversy disastrous existence persuade
<u>List 11</u> appreciate community critic marvellous occur	<u>List 12</u> dictionary equip recommend secretary sufficient	<u>List 13</u> apparent develop frequently hindrance temperature	<u>List 14</u> aggressive available communicate lightning mischievous	<u>List 15</u> interrupt government occupy parliament programme
<u>List 16</u> accommodate cemetery committee suggest variety	<u>List 17</u> accompany convenience environment recognise sacrifice	<u>List 18</u> amateur category definite physical thorough	<u>List 19</u> correspond especially exaggerate pronunciation system	<u>List 20</u> average prejudice privilege relevant sincere

Foundation Subjects

This year we have some exciting topics to be exploring. In Autumn, we will be looking at Mexico and the Mayans, in Spring natural disasters and in Summer the Egyptians. Within all three of these topics we will be exploring the history and geography of the countries it includes and the events that happened. Alongside this, we will be continuing our learning in French, Music, Art, DT, Science, RE and PSHE.

As always, you will be given a POWER project at the start of the term to be completed if you wish to. Anything that is completed will be celebrated at the end of the term where, your parents can be invited in to see your amazing work.

I hope you are looking forward to some exciting new topics and lots of learning about the world we live in.

PE

This year we will have PE on Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. Please could all pupils have their PE kit ready for the first day back at school. Your PE kit should include black shorts (jogging bottoms for cold weather), white t-shirt, trainers or daps and please be named. As the weather is ever changing within the UK, please can I advise that pupils have trainers in their PE kit so that we can continue to use the MUGA when it is slightly wet underfoot.

This year we will learn about dodgeball, gymnastics, hockey, yoga, dance, netball, swimming, athletics, tennis, football, rounders and volleyball. As you are now in year 5 and 6, you will get the fantastic opportunity to try out for school teams and attend the Forest of Dean School games in hockey, netball, archery, football, tennis and many more. You will also get the chance to represent your house over the year and it is expected that everyone will represent their house at least once over the year.

I love teaching PE and cannot wait to see you all being physically active!

Forest School and the allotment

This year we will have Forest School, swimming and the allotment in summer term. You will receive more details closer to the time regarding clothing and kit.

I hope you are looking forward to the start of the year in Heron class as much as I am!