

St Margaret's Church of England Primary - Heron Class Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term second half

English	Maths	Science	Religious Education
This half term children in Heron Class will be working up to writing their own non-fiction piece of writing. They will learn how to correctly structure a non-chronological report and how to write in an informative style using strategies to gain the reader's attention. They will research and note take before writing a detailed report. There will be a continued focus on assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggest improvements. 	This half term the children will be focussing on Fractions. Children will be learning about equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions as well as adding and subtracting them. As always, times tables play a key part in our learning so these will continue to be a focus in our maths lessons.	In Science we will be learning about Forces.  We will explore how forces affect everything around us. Children will learn about the effects of gravity, friction, air and water resistance as well as carrying out investigations to explore how these forces work in the real world. This unit of work will also help children to understand/explore how mechanisms such as pulleys, levers and gears work whilst seeing how gravity affects each piece of a structure.	In R.E we continue to learn about 'What Would Jesus Do?'. We gain a deeper understanding of the connections between Gospel texts, Jesus' 'good news', and how Christians live in the Christian community and in their individual lives. We learn about biblical ideas, teachings or beliefs (for example, about peace, forgiveness, healing) to the issues, problems and opportunities of their own lives and the life of their own community in the world today, offering insights of their own.
History	Art	Physical Education	PSHE
We are learning about Britains' settlement by the Anglo Saxons and explore evidence for the Saxon way of life by learning about the reasons for the Saxon invasion, comparing this with the Romans' motives, providing a fruitful context for exploring historical interpretations.	This half term children will be introduced to typography design and they explore how they can create their own fonts and designs. Children explore how we can use visual letters and other elements to help convey ideas and emotions.	PE will be taught by our specialist PE teachers as part of our partnership with Dream Big Sports. PE day will be Monday and Wednesday- on these days children need to come to school wearing their PE kit.	Children will be taking part in fortnightly PSHE lessons. Our topic this half term is 'Valuing Difference'. Children will discuss the qualities of friendship and respect and think about how we can show the qualities of friendship and respect when in school.

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Music	Modern Foreign Language	Other key information
Our theme in music this half term is 'Jazz and improvisation, and Swing'. Children will learn that the pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture and structure work together to make a song sound interesting, and they will work towards being able to keep the internal pulse.	In Spanish we will be learning to talk about classroom routines - asking for classroom objects and following instructions and reusing previous learned language in context. They will also be developing their understanding of the formation of a basic negative sentence.	Mrs Hendry will be teaching Heron Class on Monday -Wednesday, Miss Slater will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Travis is the teaching assistant who will be working with the class. Please ensure your child brings in their reading book daily so we can read with them. Homework will be given at the beginning of each half term and will need to be completed before the end of the half term. Children will have a choice of homework tasks to complete in their journals. Spellings will be given out every Monday and children will be tested the following Monday.