



'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another really busy week here at Heene and we continue to be very proud of the children, their learning and their overall attitude to school; we are very proud of them all. Next week, is our final week of the first half term but before we rest we have plenty of learning to do and lots of different things happening at school next week – there is much to pack in!

It was wonderful to see the children dressed in their Super Hero costumes today, as well as their home clothes, to celebrate the work of 'Turning Tides'. I am pleased to tell you that we have raised £366.28p, a fantastic response, that you so much for your donations.

As the long term economic reality of Covid is now really starting to bite in our communities, Turning Tides are seeing a rapidly increasing number of people coming to them for support. So many are seeking help for the first time as they tackle job loss, bereavement and poor mental health. Another consequence of the pandemic has been increasing food poverty ranging from being worried about where the next meal may come from to actually going hungry on a regular basis. The donations from the children today will enable the charity to buy fresh produce to support the homeless and those struggling to know where their next meal is coming from. Thank you so much for all your donations.

Film Night- Thank you all so much for your wonderful patience last night as we went about making sure all of the children got out of school to you safely! It was fabulous to see 250 at school for the film night, all eating their hot dogs and watching the film. We have not had such an event like that at Heene since pre pandemic times and it was a massive undertaking – so a big thank you to the Friends of Heene who organised the event and for the several staff who remained behind after school to support the event too. We have taken some learning from the event and think in future we will split the younger and older children, so that they equally get the opportunity to enjoy the film better. It was hard for all of the children to sit and watch the film, so some crowd control was needed for the children's safety – we will learn from that for next time. Thank you again for your support for this event.



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Next week we are all off to church and you are welcome to join us: We are very much looking forward the children all attending St Matthew's Church next Friday for our end of Half-Term celebration. We will be there with Years 3-6 at 9.30am and with Reception – Year 2 at 1.30pm. Year 6 will be leading our service focused on the theme of 'Looking after our world' and Year 2 will be leading the worship in the afternoon, using the theme of 'Creation' to help them us with that. You are very welcome to join us at the church for the service if you would like to. We look forward to seeing you there.

Prospective Parents visits to Heene:

We are looking forward to meeting a large number of prospective new parents next week, who are looking for their children to join Heene in September 2022. We are excited to meet you and to show you round the school as well as take you through a day in the life of an Early Years child and their learning at Heene. If you have not yet booked onto a tour, then please do so by going to the front page of our website and following the links from there. We look forward to seeing you next week.

And so to our final week of learning for this half term

This is what Reception are learning next week:

In Gruffalo and Elmer classes the children will continue the topic 'Marvellous Me'. In English, they will be reading 'Funnybones' by Janet and Allen Ahlberg. We will be looking at all the different bones in our bodies and why our skeletons are so important. They will be learning about how speech bubbles are used and practise writing their own speech bubbles for the characters in the story.

In this week's phonics session's children will be learning sounds h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss and the words 'I' 'no' and 'go'. They will be learning to build, read and spell these words and simple vc/cvc words that contain the letters taught so far. Keep a look out for their Phonics Home Learning book which will come home on Thursdays for them to practise these new letters. Please make sure this book comes back to school every Monday so we can stick the next set of letters in.

In Maths we will be comparing 1, 2, 3 and delving deeper to look into the composition of numbers 1,2,3. The children will be introduced to the idea that all numbers are made up of smaller numbers. They will be exploring and noticing the different compositions of 2 and 3. The children will begin to understand that as we count, each number is one more than the number before. Similarly as we count back, each number is one less than the previous number.

This week in RSHE the children will be continuing to learn about the Colour Monster story. Last week we read the story as a class and spoke about the colours that match the different feelings. This lesson, we will have another circle time and the children will be writing all the different feelings and colours around their life size drawing that they made in last week's lesson.

Our learning next week in Year 1:

In English we continue work based on the book 'The Squirrels Busy Year'. We will gather ideas about Autumn ready for writing a factual piece after half term. We have a special visitor coming into school – a hedgehog. We will be writing questions for the handler and finding out all about hedgehogs.

In phonics we will revise some of the phase 3 sounds and tricky words that we have found hard to remember and to apply in our reading and writing.

In Maths we will be learning how to add more and then introducing subtraction.

In RE we will be thinking about all the different ways Christians show they love God.

In Science we will learn about how some animals prepare for winter.

In Art we will be continuing to use natural resources to make art.

In History we be looking at how toys have changed over time.

Year 2 are in for some fabulous learning next week:

RE: We will bring together our learning from this half term to draw and write about our favourite part of God's Creation giving reasons why and writing a thank you to someone who helps to look after our world.

Maths: We will be learning to add by making 10 using a number line. We will learn to use our knowledge of number bonds and partitioning to do this. This will help us to add a 1 digit number to a 2digit number and subtract a 1 digit number from a 2 digit number, crossing tens.

Science: Our enquiry question is *What is a micro habitat?* Last week we began an investigation to find out what type of microhabitat woodlice like to live in. This week we will continue our investigation and look at the results. We will also be learning about a hedgehog's habitat and have a very exciting vist from some of our spiny friends!



English: We have had a postcard from Mrs Pilchard-Brown who is looking for her chick. We will be sending her a reply to help her to find our way to us as we have her chick. She will be travelling from Antarctica to Worthing. We will be using the words, next, the, when, after that in our writing.

Geography: We will combine all of our learning this half term to make a two page spread in our books showing what a journey in West Sussex would look like. Coast, countryside, towns, cities and villages will be included together with some of our Art about texture.

This is what Year 3 will be learning next week:

Maths: This week we are going to master column addition and column subtraction.

English: Here we are going to draft, edit and publish a poem based on 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson

Science: We are set to investigate how magnets react to other magnets?

RE: We will show what we have learnt about Creation through a piece of artwork.

History: How do archaeologists find out about the Stone Age?

Geography: Make a poster to show how land is used where we live

DT: We are going to enjoy evaluating our biscuits.

Year 4 have lots to learn next week:

In English, we will be rewriting the opening to Julius Caesar. The purpose of this writing is to entertain and engage the reader. They will be sharing their writing with their peers.

In Maths, they will continue to learn how to subtract 4-digit numbers using exchange. We will also be covering roman numerals and negative numbers.

In Guided reading, we will continue to read and answer question based on the text 'A gladiator stole my lunchbox'.

In History, we will be learning how the Romans changed Britain.

In Science, we will be learning how animals adapt to changes.

In RSHE, we will be discussing what it feels like to try new things.

In computing, we will be learning how to spot 'scammers.'

Learning for Year 5 Next week:

English: We will finishing our draft of the Beowulf diary and publishing it with pride.

Maths: As you will see from the homework, we will be interpreting data from graphs and time tables

Science: We will be carrying out an investigation to discover reversible and irreversible processes.

History: We will be writing about the attack on Lindisfarne from the point of view of a monk

DT: We will be creating most amazing pencil cases

Here is what Year 6 will be learning next week:

English: We will be focusing on poetry this week as well as completed guided reading activities related to 'Goodnight Mr Tom.'

Maths: We will be reviewing the maths papers that the children completed last week looking at correcting common errors that were made. We will then continue to look at various methods for long division.

Science: We will be responding to the assessment question based on the learning we have done this half term – why are we all different?

RE: We will also be responding to the big assessment question based on the learning we have done this half term – the question is 'are science and religion complimentary?'

History: Focus WW2 – we will look be exploring different sources and considering what life was like in Britain during WW2.

Geography: Focus continues on Canada, where we will be looking at data and maps to explore the population distribution of Canada including reasons why some places are more populated than others.

And finally from Ms Moyle!

Year 5 Football Festival – A fabulous message from Ms Moyle:



It was an absolute pleasure to accompany these children to a Football Festival at St Andrews on Tuesday this week. This has been the first school sporting event I have attended in approximately 18 months and the first opportunity we have had to do this since the Covid 19 pandemic hit. I was really impressed with the sporting attitude of the children who represented our school and grateful of the support of the parents who brought their children along to participate and those who stayed to spectate. Thank you to all of you who took part for making this a great experience for Heene and I am super proud of you all. The event itself was all about allowing children to play games against other schools and make a start in welcoming competition back at school level.

I look forward to seeing more events in the future – in particular those of you who will be representing Heene at the cross country on Saturday!

Please do not forget to contact us if you need to at head@heenepriamry.co.uk

Unfortunately. Due to a small technical issue we have been unable to send you a video this week – we will aim to get this out to you on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend

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