



*'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'*

**Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for the contribution you have all made to a really great start to the new term at Heene. The vast majority of the children have been really settled this week, produced some wonderful work; have shown kindness; been brave in their learning and tried to be the very best they can be. The children have looked smart, attended school on time and this has resulted in a lovely full week back at school. We have been very fortunate to have been fully staffed this week with all of the team remaining well and this has enabled the children to be well supported in all their learning.

**Headteacher appointment update:**

I am both delighted and excited to be able to inform you that following the Governors' shortlisting process last night, four Headteacher candidates have been asked to attend interviews at the end of January. We very much look forward to bringing you further news about the new substantive Headteacher for Heene as soon as we are able.

**Learning for next week:**

**Next week's learning from our Reception Team**

In Gruffalo and Elmer classes the children will continue the topic 'Once Upon a Story', which is our new topic for this term. In English, they will be reading The Gingerbread Man and will be learning how to write speech bubbles for the Gingerbread man and other characters in the story. In Gruffalo Class, we have a Traditional Tales role play area for the children to dress up as characters like the three little pigs, the big bad wolf, Goldilocks and the bears and the Billy Goats Gruff.

We have finished teaching all of the set one sounds in phonics and before we move onto set two we will be focusing on applying these knowledge sounds to read short captions and write short captions. Keep a look out for their Phonics Home Learning book which will come home on Thursday (Elmer) and Friday (Gruffalo) for them to practice these letters. Please make sure this book comes back to school every **Wednesday** so we can stick the next set of letters in.



In Math's we will be combining two groups in order to find the total. We will be encouraging the children to look at the amount in each set and then count all of them to find the total.

In History will be finding out about fairytales from the past and learning about how life used to be a long time ago. We will focus on the Three Little Pigs and look at the different materials they used to build their houses. They will also learn about the Little Red Hen and compare how people used to get food in the past and how we buy food today.

### **Next week in Year 1**

**In English** we will be writing what we think will happen next in the story 'The Dot'.

**In phonics**, we have now grouped the children depending on their phonic knowledge. Please look out for either a daily or weekly sheet in their book bag which tells you the sounds they have been learning. Please help them to read and write these sounds, words and sentences.

In **Maths** continue our work on addition and subtraction, looking at related number facts. We also will focus on counting in 2s.

**In RE** we will be learning more about the Christian (and Jewish) story of creation using a Creation play set.

**In RSHE** we will be talking about what our families mean to us.

**In Science** we will be learning parts of the body and what we use them for.

**In Art** we will be exploring making secondary colours on a colour wheel.

**In Geography** the children will be looking at the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and learning about some geographical and physical features of each country.

### **A busy week ahead in Year 2**

**English:** We have delved into our new text in English. At first we did not tell the children the title or even what the story was about. We creating images based on the first page of the text. Next week we will be sharing the book in stages so as not to give away the ending. We will be writing our own endings to the story to share with our peers.

**Maths:** We are continuing learning about multiplication using practical and pictorial resources. We will learn about doubles and times tables.

**RE:** We are leaning about Islam with a particular focus on compassion and mercy.

**Geography:** This week we learnt how to use compass directions to find locations on a map. We practiced using compasses on the playground. Next week we will look at the continents, beginning by answering the question 'Where do polar bears live?' (which links to our English focus text).

### **Next week's learning from Year 3**

In year 3 next week we will be continuing to learn to multiply 2 digits by 1 digit.

We will be writing our own story of the journey of water based on our book 'The Rhythm of the Rain'. We will begin to learn about the water cycle in Geography, and learn about the parts of a plant in Science.

Our RE will be about understanding Muslims' belief in Allah.

In Art we will look at Constable's landscapes.

### **There is lots going on in Year 4 next week.**

We wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate the children on their wonderful learning attitudes. So many of the children are demonstrating the **Heene Way** - showing **kindness, bravery** and **being your best**. The children have been enjoying our new topic **Rainforests** and continue to focus on **Katherine Rendell's book 'The explorer'**.

Next week in English, we will be drafting setting descriptions of the Amazon rainforest. **Watch this space – as we intend to send your child's learning home to read and enjoy.**

In Maths, we will be multiplying and dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers using a concrete, pictorial and abstract approach. Eventually, we will be using the formal writing method for multiplication and the number line for division.

In Guided Reading, we will be learning to predict, clarify, summarise and question. The focus will be on an extract from 'The Queen's Nose' by Dick King-Smith.

In science, we are now learning about States of Matter. We will be observing the changing states of matter.

In computing, we will be learning about sharing data online.

In Geography, we will be locating rainforests on a map of the world.

In RE, our new topic is Islam. We will be learning the importance of Mohammad in the Quran.

### **Next week in Year 5**

**English** In our English lessons we will be using our research on Mars and space rovers to write a persuasive letter to NASA or the UK Space Agency asking them to consider our Mars Rover designs for their next project.

**Maths:** In Year 5 we will be continuing our multiplication challenges involving a range of numbers and problems. We will be using up to 4- and 5-digit numbers.

**Science** The children will be becoming familiar with our solar system and creating diagrams with scale and size in mind (we may need extra large pieces of paper!).

**RE** In RE we will be discussing and considering what the Qu 'ran might teach Muslims and how God is revealed to them through its teachings.

**History** Our History topic is learning all about the railways in Worthing. Next week we will discover significant inventions and changes that took place in Britain during the industrial revolution.

### **And finally from Year 6**

Over the next week we will be learning the following:

English: editing and presenting our balanced arguments following the debates that have taken place in class over the last week.

Maths: algebra – considering how we can find unknowns – solving problems and coming up with strategies to solve.

RE: learning about what is the centre of Muslim life?

History: finding out about Maya life – where they were from, what they lived like – who were the ancient Maya people?

Science: We will be planning an investigation into the heart rate and how the circulatory system works.

Art: we will be looking at different styles of pottery and considering what is appealing about the styles.

Have a lovely weekend

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