



Heathcote Herald



Key Dates

The school calendar is also available on the school website:

Friday 18th June— Teacher training day

Monday 21st June—Class photos (all children to wear school uniform, if you have Forest School or PE that day please bring this in to change into afterwards)

Highlight from the Deputy Head's Desk

It has been such a warm and sunny week to welcome everyone back for the start of our last half term. The children have all had a busy 4 days starting their new topics for this term. Key Stage 2 have focused their topics this term around history, Year 5 have gone from looking at the Mayan Civilisation to exploring the Egyptians, Year 4 are looking at traders and raiders through the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings and Year 3 have sailed back in time to the Ancients Greeks. In Key Stage 1, Year 2 have climbed on-board deck to become pirates, Year 1 have turned their classrooms into a tourist information centre to explore Rio de Janeiro and enjoy carnival time and Reception have become bug hunters in their Magical Garden topic looking at all things that can wriggle, crawl and fly. This term we are hoping to return to some normality and with restrictions lifting being able to enjoy events such as sports day all together, welcome visitors in school and take part in school trips. Even as restrictions lift, it is important that we continue to keep ourselves safe, wear a mask, maintain a social distance and wash our hands. We are happy that we were able to bring the Year 3 bubble back into school and it was good to see that procedures we have in school were effectively actioned and the great support we had from parents and children in understanding the situation.

This weekend is set to be another scorcher! I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs Abernethy

Spotlight on Humanities

This term, the SLT and subject leaders are doing "Deep Dives" into all areas of our curriculum to celebrate the children's learning and understanding and see how we can further develop. This week, our focus was on the humanities subjects – history and geography. It was wonderful to hear the children talk passionately about their learning and were eager to show their work identifying their favourite pieces of work they are proud of. A key strength throughout the schools was the children's use of vocabulary and understanding of key terms. There were also lots of cross curriculum links such as exploring ancient number systems, opportunities to build on geography skills Forest school and humanities focused trips such Year 5's Bell Boating trip and Year 2's Nature World trip and Year 4's virtual history visit. To further develop the children's learning we will be looking at creating more opportunities in geography for children to explore and develop their fieldwork skills and support the children's understanding of timelines and identify key time periods in history.



Safeguarding Corner

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Questions
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Mrs
Lawson



1. What is your role at Heathcote Primary

I am a Year 2 teacher and Art/Design and Technology Leader.

2. What do you most like about our school?

It is very difficult to choose one thing as Heathcote is exceptional in so many ways. Above all, I like the fact that **everybody** is recognised and valued as a special individual and all of these special individuals come together to make the best team to which I have ever belonged.

3. Why did you want to become a teacher?

Simply because I loved my school days and wanted, from a very young age, to make sure that others loved their school days too!

4. What would your job be if you were not a teacher?

A West- End Performer as I adore going to watch musicals. I think all good teachers are actors. Just one problem though I can't sing or dance! I would love to learn how to though one day.

5. Can you recommend a holiday destination in the UK?

My absolute favourite place is Mill Bay in South Devon. It is a beautiful beach over the other side of the estuary from Salcombe.

6. What is your favourite children's book?

'The Silver Sword' by Ian Serraillier. It's a story about the most incredible journey. I'm not going to tell you anything else about it! You have to read it. My favourite primary school teacher read it to our class when I was in Year 6. If I close my eyes tight, I can still hear Mr. Spring's voice so clearly telling this wonderful story.

7. If school budgets were unlimited what would you spend the money on?

A whole school trip to Mill Bay! We would build the biggest dams and sandcastles ever, swim in the sea, play beach cricket, find buried treasure, go on a boat ride, have fish and chips and unlimited ice cream round a campfire on the beach and toast marshmallows. We would end the day singing songs together and watch the sunset over the sea. Are you coming with me?

8. If you had a magic minibus that could take you anywhere in history where would you go and why?

I would go back to the Victorian era for two reasons. Firstly, I love the fashion and secondly to meet my Great, Great Grandparents as it would be so interesting to see what life was like for them and find out more about my family's history.

9. What are you most looking forward to next year? A whole school year!

10. What is your best top tip for parents?

Enjoy sharing life's simple pleasures as often as possible with your child/children. Make memories, give them the best gifts: time, love and experiences. Be kind to yourselves!

