

As **scientists**, we will learn about evolution and inheritance.

Key vocabulary: gene, variation, species, trait, natural selection & adaptation.



We will also develop our skills of scientific enquiry when working with circuits, batteries and switches.

Key vocabulary: insulator, conductor, power source, current, electrical components.



As **explorers**, in geography we will discover what life is like in the desert, including where they can be found and how they are different from our local area. *Geographical skills*: locational knowledge, place knowledge, human and physical geography.

Our Writing Roots from Literacy Tree will be 'Stone Wall' and 'Grimm Tales for Young and Old' (which will also be explored as part of our Literacy Leaves). Our other Literacy Leaf will be 'Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow'. We will also continue to enjoy 'The Explorer' as our whole-class reader.

These high-quality books, alongside other books from our reading spine, will be the focus of our English lessons including writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling.



As **historians**, we will investigate what life was like in Tudor England.

We will be using evidence and artefacts to chronologically and accurately place key events on our timeline.

We will also consider how the Tudors impacted Britain and the wider world.



As **musicians**, we will listen to a range of pieces from South and West Africa, identifying their composition, pitch and texture.

Children will also compose their own short pieces of music.



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The big question that we will explore during the autumn term:

How would you bring peace to the world?

Remember: **maths** plans and units for the year can be found on the Herons Class page of our website!

As **theologians**, in **RE** will discover and explore two big questions 'Is being happy the greatest purpose in life?' and 'Does religion bring peace, conflict or both?'

These lessons will also see children comparing the beliefs and attitudes of different world faiths, including current and / or historical perspectives with a balance between discussions of peace and conflict.



In **PE**, we will use *GetSet4PE* to develop knowledge and skills in Tag Rugby and Hockey, enjoying indoor sessions of Fitness too.

Outdoor PE will continue to take place on Thursdays.

After Half-term, Herons children in Year 5 will also swim At Broadland High School (further information to follow).



As **artists**, we will use painting to study and imitate several modern styles.



As **linguists**, we will consolidate our knowledge of pets and monsters from last term before learning to read, write, listen and speak about *shopping* - in French.



In **Computing**, we will develop our understanding of programming with an introduction to Python; a software language widely used by developers!

Year 6s will have **SATs boosters** during part of each afternoon - this will help prepare them for assessment. The impact on wider learning will be as limited as possible.