



June 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 6 in Heron Class. Term 5 was such a successful one. I was so proud of Herons for creating such brilliant pencil cases last term - these were absolutely fit for purpose as many of us tried them out by filling them up with stationary to see if they were durable...they were! I am looking forward to seeing as many of these pencil cases being used during the day to hold our equipment so we are organised for our final term of exciting learning!



This term, we will be focussing on Art and Design and we will be looking to develop our skills in sculpture. Our material will be wire and we will be creating wire portraits inspired by the artist, Calder. Wire is not an easy material to manipulate so we will be developing our skills in resilience and growth mindset with unit!

We have a History focus in our final term for this year and we will be analysing the legacy of Ancient Greece – studying Greek life, their achievements and their influence on the western world. This will also be the inspiration for our English writing this term where we will be immersing ourselves in the life and culture of Ancient Greece using inspiration from a short animated clip depicting everyday life in Athens. Using this, we will be writing as journalists thinking carefully about the formality of our writing. As the Ancient Greeks were well-known for fostering democracy within their civilisation, we too will be looking at this in Heron class and we will be having some lively debates and speeches as part of our learning this term. I'm looking forward to hearing the children's points of views this term backed up with facts and figures with a touch of hyperbole thrown in too! We will be looking at Kennings for our poetry focus and the children will be writing a kenning to describe a mythical Greek beast.

P.E

P.E lessons will continue to take place on **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons. We will be doing Tennis and Athletics on these days and they will be taking place outside. As the weather becomes warmer, please remember to apply sunscreen on your children before they come into school and pop the bottle in their bags so they can reapply the cream before outdoor activities. A sun hat will also be essential as well as a refillable water bottle.

Sports Coaching-

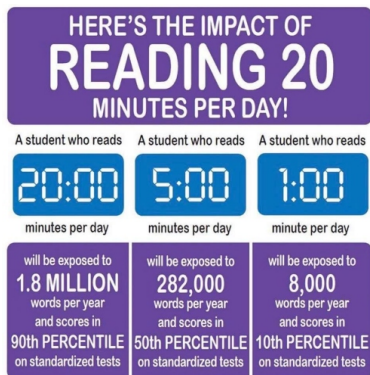
We will be continuing with our whole day enhanced coaching this term as part of our 'supercurricular offer' - provision that surpasses National Curriculum requirements. Herons' day will be confirmed nearer the time.

Breaktimes outside

Children will need to bring a waterproof coat everyday as the British weather is unpredictable . They need to continue to bring a whole-fruit snack to school every day as well, as they get hungry and thirsty by breaktime! You may like to buy them a snack card.

How you can help at home this term:

At South Moreton we do not set large pieces of homework, as educational research proves that this is of little value in Primary School, and our parents have supported this. **However, we do expect children to read daily, as this is the single most effective way to build academic success.** Reading at home is crucial for Herons to build the vocabulary, imagination and understanding they will need for their writing and other academic learning.



We have a weekly whole-school competition to reward 'Reading Nights', and ask that children read for 20 minutes per night Monday - Thursday, recording progress in their reading diary. Below are some question prompts to support you to read with your child and enjoy conversations with them about what they have read.

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Bring a reading book in every day- We read at every opportunity so it is important that they have one to pick up straight away when asked to.

Spellings: Children will be given their new spellings **every Wednesday**. The children will stick these into their new reading diaries so you will know what words they are practising. Please encourage your child to practise these (these spellings are also on the SPaG slides on Heron's Google Classroom-the children know their login details). **Children will then be tested in school every Wednesday afternoon** to see what they have remembered.

Enrichment activities for this term based on our History unit about Ancient Greece

Visit the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford! This has some great artefacts from Ancient Greece that you can visit. Take a sketch pad and pencil with you and draw from some of these artefacts- what can you find out about them? Share this with the class on your return!

Try some Ancient Greek cooking! Take some photos and share with the class [British Museum Recipes](#)

Study the Alphabet: Learn to read and write using the Greek alphabet, then test friends with coded secret messages

Listen to some Greek myths [BBC school radio](#)

Write your own Greek Myth [University of Cambridge resource](#)

Please don't hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any questions.

Warm wishes

Mrs Salmon