



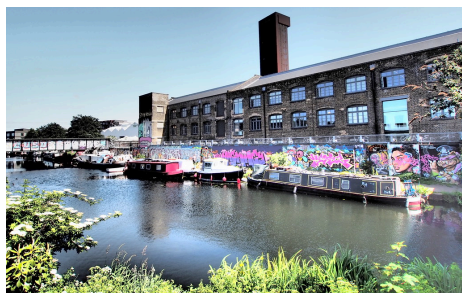
Year 5 Herons Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2025-2026!

We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an action packed year!

Hello, we are Mrs Dempsey and Ms Carhart and we will be teaching Herons this year. We cannot wait for us to have fun exploring, investigating and learning!

Our learning will be centred around **Rivers** this half term.



Key dates for your diary:

Monday 8th September- Nursery and Reception classes reopen

Friday 19th September- Y5 Trip to Museum of London Docklands

Friday 26th September- Y5 Sharing Assembly 3.10pm

Friday 24th October 2.45pm - Family Friday

Friday 24th October 3.30pm - BHM celebration

October half term 27th October- 31st October EYFS and Years 1 -6 Closure

Monday 3rd November INSET DAY Preschool, EYFS and Years 1-6

Tuesday 4th November- School reopens Preschool, EYFS and Years 1-6

Trips and Visits

Friday 19th September 2025- Museum of London Docklands



PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Tuesday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Tuesdays**.

Reading	Writing
<p>This half term we will be reading 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of suspense and mystery that keeps the children on their toes!</p> <p>Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finding information in the text - Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words - Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters - Making predictions about what will happen next <p>To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:</p> <p>https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/</p>	<p>Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of Rivers and the book 'Oranges in No Man's Land.' Using this text, the children will write a balanced argument about whether a character in the story should have crossed the green line or not. The children will consider both viewpoints and will provide explanations to support both arguments. During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding relative clauses to their writing. For example:</p> <p>The child, <u>who was nine years old</u>, walked towards the fence.</p> <p>Please see the link below for further information:</p> <p>What are relative clauses? - BBC Bitesize</p> <p>We will then use our learning from our topic to write an information report about the features and stages of a river. We will consider the features of reports and how they should be laid out.</p> <p>Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:</p> <p>https://www.spellzone.com/</p> <p>Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.</p>
Maths	Science
<p>In Maths this half term, we will be covering:</p> <p>Place Value- reading, writing and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000. We will also be learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10,000 and 100,000.</p> <p>Addition and Subtraction- using mental and written strategies, such as the column method, to add and subtract numbers up to 1,000,000.</p> <p>Multiplication and Division- using mental and written strategies to multiply by one and two digit numbers. In addition, we will learn about factors, multiples and prime numbers.</p> <p>Factors, multiples and primes - KS2 Maths - BBC Bitesize</p>	<p>Our science topic this half term will be 'Properties of Materials.' We will explore the different properties of a range of materials including whether they are magnetic or not and their hardness. We will investigate whether materials are transparent, or opaque.</p> <p>In addition, we will explore a material's ability to conduct electricity and insulate heat.</p> <p>We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations and drawing conclusions. We will plan investigations and evaluate them this half term. The links below provide some useful information about what we will be studying:</p> <p>How to identify materials – KS2 Science curriculum - BBC Bitesize</p>
History and Geography	Campaign

In Geography, we will be learning about Rivers. We will investigate how rivers are formed and explore the different parts of a river. The children will be thinking about how rivers are used and will focus on a local river (the River Lea) and how it is used and has changed over time. In addition, we will compare the River Lea to the River Nile. This will link to a topic on Ancient Egypt later on in the year.



Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Safe.' We will be learning about road safety and will select Junior Road Safety Officers from our class to represent Gainsborough. We will present our ideas about road safety to the school.



ICT	Systems and Searching We will develop our understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. We will learn how search engines work and compare them.
PSHE	Being Me in My World During this topic, the children will think about and discuss the year ahead, goals they can set for themselves and challenges they may face. They will learn and talk about their rights and responsibilities as a member of their class, school, wider community and the country they live in.
RE	Buddhism Our focus religion this half term is Buddhism. Our key question is 'What is the best way for a Buddhist to show commitment to their beliefs?' We will learn about Buddhist religious practices and beliefs.
PE	PE lessons this half term will focus on Netball. Class PE Day: Friday
Music	Motown The children will be exploring Motown music in their music lessons and will be developing their ability to create and write music. Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm.
Art	Textiles Printing This half term in art, the children will learn about textiles printing and will use this to create a piece linked to their learning on rivers.
DT and Cooking	Salads This half term in Cooking, we will be making food for our Black History Month event.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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