

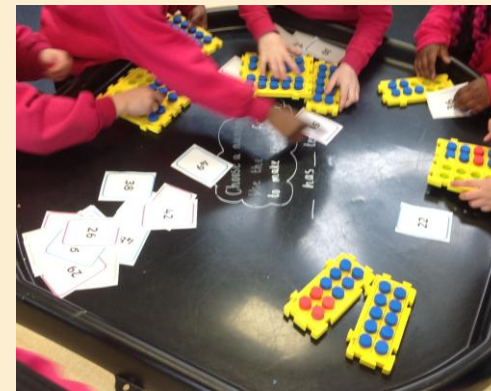
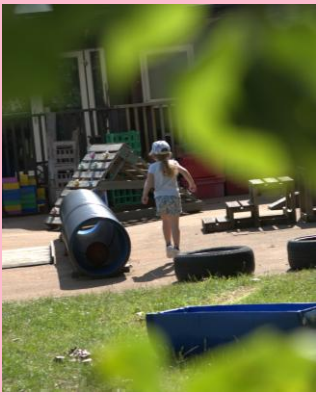


*'We care, we play, we
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try our best!'*

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Welcome

It is a genuine privilege to welcome you to Heron Park Primary School - a vibrant, nurturing, and inclusive community where every child is valued and supported to flourish.

At the heart of our school is our motto: *We care, we play, we grow and always try our best*. This simple yet powerful message guides everything we do. We are deeply committed to nurturing each child's individuality, curiosity, and confidence, helping them develop not only academically but also socially and emotionally. We believe that every child has the potential to succeed. Through a caring and supportive environment combined with engaging, playful learning experiences, we encourage pupils to strive for excellence and develop a lifelong love of learning. Our approach ensures that children are inspired to explore, question, and grow, becoming confident, capable learners ready to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Our school community is built on strong core values: **Respect, Curiosity, Independence, Resilience, and Aspiration**. These values underpin every aspect of school life and help create an atmosphere where kindness, determination, and mutual respect are celebrated.

Heron Park is a lively two-form entry primary school, welcoming children from Nursery through to Year 6. Located in the heart of Eastbourne, we are fortunate to benefit from exceptional outdoor learning opportunities. From our school gardens and expansive playing field to our unique forest area and access to Eastbourne's beautiful coastline, our environment enriches learning and sparks imagination. Alongside this, our much-loved school animals provide further opportunities for children to develop responsibility and connection with the natural world.

Our dedicated staff, supported by the Local Board of Governors, are committed to delivering a rich and ambitious curriculum. Designed to inspire creativity, critical thinking, and curiosity, our curriculum ensures that every child is challenged, supported, and empowered to achieve their very best.

Above all, we are incredibly proud of the warm, happy, and welcoming atmosphere that defines Heron Park. Our school is more than just a place of learning - it is a community where everyone belongs.



Values

To bring our vision to life, every aspect of school life is grounded in our core values: Respect, Curiosity, Independence, Resilience and Aspiration.

Each week, we highlight one of these values across the school community. Staff recognise and reward pupils who go above and beyond in demonstrating that focus value.

Starting School

Your child's first days in school are extremely important. At Heron Park, we offer a range of activities and visits to ensure that your child settles into school with confidence. Children of Nursery age, who are due to start Reception, enjoy 'Stay and Play' visits with their parents and we also hold events over the summer, like our Teddy Bear's Picnic' for your child to become familiar with the adults who will support them as well as the school building itself.

The School Day

The school day starts at 8.40am and finishes for all years at 3:10pm. Members of the School Leadership Team are at the school gates each morning and teachers are available to talk to in the afternoon at the school gates.

The children have a 15-minute break each morning. Pupils are invited to bring a healthy, fruit snack to enjoy during their break. In Early Years and Key Stage 1, all pupils are able to have free fruit which is available each day. Children should bring water with them each day which they can access during their lessons. Water bottles can also be refilled in school.

The school office is open from 8am until 3.30pm Monday-Friday (term time only).

The main school gates open at 8.30am and at 3pm.



Attendance

100%

😊 OUTSTANDING

98%

😊 VERY GOOD

96%

😊 GOOD

95%

😊 ALMOST THERE

90%

😞 IMPROVEMENT
NEEDED

85%

😞 CONCERNED

80%

😞 VERY CONCERNED

4

School days missed
in an academic year

7

School days missed
in an academic year

10

School days missed
in an academic year

20

School days missed in an
academic year
(equivalent to ½ day each week)

29

School days missed
in an academic year

40

School days missed in an
academic year
(equivalent to a day each week)

Our
Attendance
Officer will
be in touch

Our expectations regarding pupil attendance are very high. We know that excellent attendance supports our children in being able to achieve their very best. All our attendance procedures are set out in our policy which is published on our website.

A young child with dark hair, wearing a white shirt, is looking down at a book or paper. The background is a soft-focus image of the child's face and hands. The page has a pink and purple geometric design on the right side.

Our Curriculum

Our broad and balanced curriculum is rooted in our commitment to ensuring every pupil reaches their full potential. We follow the Aurora Academy Trust curriculum, which promotes enquiry and curiosity at every stage of learning. Through the development of key skills and knowledge, we equip our pupils to become confident scientists, mathematicians, readers, writers, historians, artists, geographers, programmers, designers, athletes, and musicians by the time they leave our school.

Our carefully designed and ambitious curriculum builds on prior learning, enabling children to deepen their understanding while preparing them with the knowledge and skills needed for the next stage of their education and for life beyond school.

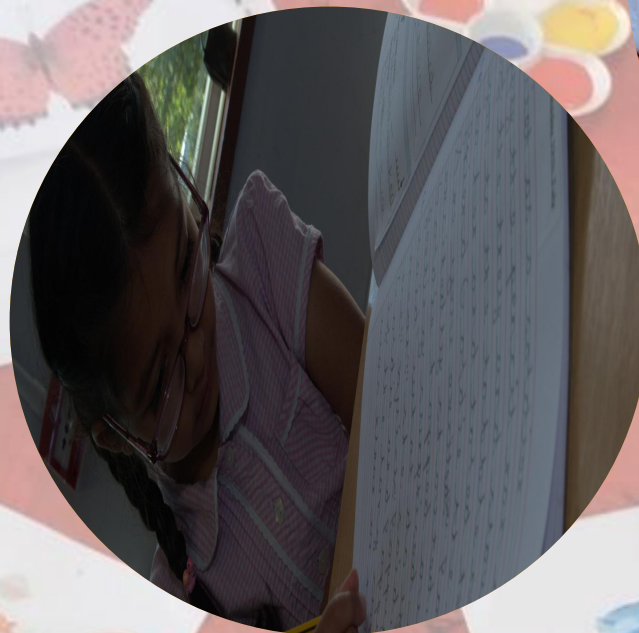
Pupils explore a range of topics across the school, each centred around a key enquiry question. At the end of each unit, children reflect on and answer this question, demonstrating their understanding and progress.

Reading, Writing and Mathematics

Across our mornings, we have an extensive focus on Reading, Writing and Mathematics. We use Read, Write, Inc. in order to teach pupils phonics and move them towards independent, avid readers of books.

Our White Rose scheme supports our delivery of a Mastery Maths curriculum. Throughout all our lessons, children learn the foundations in mathematics and build on these to become confident problem solvers.

In the afternoons, we teach a rich and varied diet of the Foundation Subjects including Science, Geography, History, Art, Physical Education, Design Technology, Religious Education and Personal, Social and Health Education.





Physical Education

Your child's wellbeing is at the core of everything we do. We know that one way of providing this is to ensure our young people are able to access a wide range of sporting opportunities. We work alongside Infinite Sport who not only deliver lessons alongside our staff but provide a wealth of after-school clubs/activities which the children can access. Annually, we ensure that the children can take part in a wide range of sports tournaments. We recognise the school values on display at these events and remain proud of each child who manages to take part.

Our School Animals

To enrich our children's experiences further, we have a range of animals on site. Pupils can look after the animals, study their habitats and watch them grow! To date, we have some goats, chickens and a frog! Our children are fortunate to be able to access two gardens close to the classrooms as well as a forest and large playing field, where outdoor lessons take place.

Music and Drama

Music, the arts and drama are important to us at Heron. We know that our pupils gain countless skills through taking part in these activities. We have wonderful facilities including a fully equipped stage which on which our children perform.

Pupils also access music lessons taught by members of Sussex Music School. All our children learn how to play the recorder and ukulele throughout their time in school. We encourage pupils to learn the violin, guitar, keyboard and more through individual music lessons on offer from Sussex Music School. In addition, we encourage children who would like to join our fantastic Orchestra and Choir both of whom perform in school and within the local community.

The Beach

We are fortunate to be located near Eastbourne's sunshine coast. Recently, our School Council adopted a section of the beach. Alongside school visits to explore this habitat, we work hard to maintain our section of the coastline.



Inclusion

Inclusion, defined clearly, is simply “including all”. We promote equal opportunities and believe that all children should be able to succeed whatever their individual needs.

At Heron Park Primary Academy we have an inclusive approach to teaching and learning for all children. We have an inclusion team led by our Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion. The team consists of a Special Education Needs (SEN) Teaching Assistants. This team supports inclusive practice across the school, provides support and intervention for individuals and groups and works with parents and families.

In line with Code of Practice on the Identification and Assessment of Special Needs, we constantly monitor and assess the progress of the children in our care. This enables us to ensure that any need is identified and fully met at as early a stage as possible.

Before the children enter the foundation stage of our school, we liaise closely with the pre-schools, Early Years Service, and other outside agencies. We are informed of any child whose needs require particular attention. This enables us to ensure that provision and resources are in place to enable them to integrate as fully as possible into the life of the school.

We see the provision of SEN as a partnership between home and school and meetings are arranged with parents to discuss any concerns or the transition process. By working closely together we believe that a child’s individual needs are catered for effectively.

Mrs. Owen is our Assistant Headteacher for inclusion and will happily answer any questions you might have. You can contact Mrs. Owen via the school office on 01323 502525, or via email:

office@heronppa.org.uk



School Uniform

We believe that having our own school uniform gives the school an identity and encourages the children to take pride in both their appearance and their school. The school colours are Raspberry, White and Black. A full list of uniform requirements is below:

Uniform

Raspberry sweatshirt

White shirt

Black trousers, black skirt or black pinafore dress.

Black socks or tights.

Black shoes (Not trainers or slip on shoes)

Summer

(Term 5 and Term 6 only)

As above with the addition of:

Raspberry gingham dress

Black shorts

PE Uniform

Plain black sweatshirts/jumper no hoodies

Black shorts

Plain black jogging bottoms

White t-Shirt

Black trainers or plimsolls

Black PE bag with school logo



Wraparound Provision

We provide before and after-school care for those families who require further childcare support beyond the school day. Our Breakfast Club starts at 7:50 am and runs every morning school is open and costs £3 per child per day. During this time, pupils have breakfast and are able to engage with a range of games/activities before the school session begins.

After-school, two sessions are available:

Infinite Sport: 3:10 - 4:10 pm, Monday to Friday during term time. Bookings and payment of £6:50 for this are made directly through Infinite Sport.

4:10 -5:30 pm - this additional after-school session will be managed by school and staffed by Infinite Sport. The cost for the 4:10 - 5:30 pm session will be £4:50 per day. If you therefore stay from 3:10 until 5:30 the cost is £11.

Please do contact the school office on 013230 502525 for any enquiries.

Monitoring and Reporting Pupil Progress

4 to 5	Reception		Baseline assessment in first 6 weeks	Working at expected level of development.
5 to 6	Year 1	KS1	Phonics Screening Check	Phonics Pass
6 to 7	Year 2	KS1	Teacher assessments in reading, grammar punctuation and spelling, maths and science.	Working at age related expectation (ARE)
8 to 9	Year 4	KS2	Multiplication Tables Check	Marked our of 25
10 to 11	Year 6	KS2	National tests and teacher assessments in reading, writing, grammar punctuation and spelling and maths	



Further Information

Please do come to visit our wonderful school community. Appointments can be made via the school office. If you have any questions you would like to ask about Heron Park Primary Academy or views and thoughts you would like to share with us, please get in touch.

01323 502525 Email: office@heronppa.org.uk

Our Headteacher is Mrs Helen Crees, and she can be contacted via the school office.