

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin	
Year 3	Summer 2018
Welcome back, we hope you all had a pleasant and relaxing holiday.	
Think Link	
<p>This half term we will be finishing our topic of 'Ancient Egypt' before moving on to our geographical skills based topic where we will be developing our understanding of continents, where countries are in the world and begin to learn some of the capital cities in Europe. We will also be consolidating our map skills by reading and plotting co-ordinates then planning journeys using North, South, East and West.</p> <p>Next half term we will continue to develop our historical enquiry skills by studying the Bronze Age to Iron Age. We will be learning about home life, the importance of trade and technology and the significance of power and monarchy.</p>	
English	
<p>Our first unit of work this half term will be based around the book 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Whilst studying this book, we will focus on debating language, persuasive writing skills and how to write a newspaper report. We will then move on to studying 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake, where we will be writing in role. Finally, we will also be completing a poetry study.</p> <p>Please continue to hear your child read and encourage them to read and record their comments about what they have read/enjoyed daily in their journal. Daily reading is proven to help your child make significant progress in both reading and writing.</p>	
Maths	
<p>In Maths we will be studying fractions for the first half term. This includes; making a whole, finding equivalents and ordering fractions on a number line. During Summer 2 we will be covering time, properties of 2D shapes, mass and capacity.</p> <p>Please continue to work with your child on learning their times tables; by the end of year 4 children are expected to know all times tables up to 12x12. This is extremely important as it supports their learning in a range of mathematical areas. Thank you for your continued support.</p>	
Arithmetic Tests:	
<p>Every Friday the children will be tested on their arithmetic skills and the test will be sent home every Monday. The children may have key questions highlighted that we would like them to try and correct at home. We expect these tests back in the following day. To support your child, please refer to the calculation booklet available on the school's website.</p>	
Science	
<p>Summer 1 – How Does My Garden Grow – looking at parts of a plant, investigating the importance of each part of the plant, seed dispersal and pollination.</p> <p>Summer 2 – Mirror Mirror – investigating light and shadows.</p>	
Homework	
<p>Homework will continue to be set on Thursdays, to be returned by Monday. Children should spend approximately 40 minutes on their homework. The children will also have their own spelling word list which will be tested fortnightly on a Monday.</p>	
School Uniform Reminder	
<p>Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. This includes wearing suitable black shoes or boots, <u>not</u> trainers. Your child should also have full PE kit in school every day. This includes black or navy shorts, their house T-shirt and trainers/plimsolls.</p>	
Trips	
<p>We will be visiting Kew Garden as part of our Science topic and Crane Park as part of our Geography topic. We are also currently planning a visit to the Hindu Temple – Laxmi Narayan Temple in Hounslow.</p>	
Important dates	
<p>Tuesday 24th April – Ancient Egyptian Workshop (in school)</p> <p>Wednesday 16th May – All classes to Kew Gardens</p> <p>TBC - All classes Crane Park</p>	