

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin	
Year 4	Summer 2018
Welcome back, we hope you all had a pleasant and relaxing holiday.	
Think Link	
Our topic for this half term is 'The Vikings', following on in chronological order from 'The Anglo-Saxons.' Next half term will be a geographical skills based topic where we will be naming and locating counties of England and major UK cities. We will also be consolidating our map reading skills.	
English	
Our first unit of work this half term will be based around the book 'Varjak Paw' by S .F. Said. Whilst studying this book, we will focus on our descriptive writing skills and how to write from different characters' viewpoints. We will then move on to studying 'Zoo' by Anthony Brown, where we will be writing persuasive letters. Please continue to hear your child read and encourage them to read and record their reading daily in their journal. Daily reading is proven to help your child make significant progress in both reading and writing.	
Maths	
In Maths we will be studying decimals for the first half term. This includes; recognising and writing decimal equivalents, rounding decimals and comparing and ordering decimals. During Summer 2 we will be covering time, money and shapes. 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.	
Arithmetic Tests:	
Every Tuesday the children will now be bringing home the arithmetic test that they have completed the day before. 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.	
Science	
Summer 1 – Looking at States – Investigating the different states of matter- solids, liquids and gases.	
Summer 2 - Habitats – investigating different habitats, sorting and classifying different animals and learning about animal adaptations.	
Homework	
Homework will continue to be set on Thursdays, to be returned by Monday. Children should spend approximately 40 minutes on their homework. Spellings will also continue to be set on Mondays and tested on Fridays	
School Uniform Reminder	
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.	
Trips	
We will be visiting the Twickenham and Thames Valley Bee Keepers Association to learn about bees and their habitats.	
We will also have a Viking Workshop in school and be visiting Bushy Park to look at different types of habitats.	
Important dates	
Tuesday 24th May – Viking Workshop (in school)	
Wednesday 6th June – Perimeter Class and Area Class to Twickenham Bee Keepers Apiary	
Thursday 21st June – Denominator and Symmetry Class to Twickenham Bee Keepers Apiary	
Thursday 28th June - All classes Busy Park visit	

Year 4 Team