

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 3

Summer 2019

Welcome back, we hope you all had a pleasant and relaxing holiday.

Humanities

We will begin the Summer Term with 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. Finally, to end our topic we will be completing a litter survey and how this affects our local environment.

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 importance of power and monarchy.

English

Our first unit of work this half term will be based around the book 'The Great Paper Caper' by Oliver Jeffers. Whilst studying this book, we will focus on our inference skills, letter writing skills and how to write instructions. The children will then study 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown. We will then move on to studying 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake, where we will be writing in role. Finally, we will be completing a poetry study using the text 'The Werewolf Club Rules' by Joseph Coelho. 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.

Maths

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.

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 Monday the children will be tested on their arithmetic skills and the test will be sent home every Tuesday. 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 – How Does My Garden Grow – looking at parts of a plant, investigating the importance of each part of the plant, seed dispersal and pollination.

Summer 2 – Mirror Mirror – investigating light and shadows.

Homework

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.

School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. This includes wearing suitable **black** shoes or boots, not 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.

Enrichment

We will be visiting WWT London Wetlands Centre as part of our Science topic and we will also be visiting Crane Park as part of our Geography topic. Lee from Boundless will be teaching our children an exciting dance routine and finally a photographer from the Tate Britain will be visiting as part of the nationwide Steve McQueen Tate Britain Exhibition.

Important dates

Thursday 16th May – Tutankhamen Class Assembly

Tuesday 21st May – Cleopatra Class to Wetlands

Wednesday 22nd May – Rameses Class to Wetlands

Thursday 23rd May – Nefertiti Class to Wetlands

Friday 24th May – Tutankhamen Class to Wetlands

Thursday 13th June – Cleopatra Class Assembly

Thursday 20th June – Rameses Class Assembly

Friday 21st June – Boundless Dance workshops (in school)

Friday 28th June – Crane Park visit

Thursday 4th July – Tate Britain photographer in school

