

Heathfield Junior School  
*Curriculum Bulletin*

Year 5

Autumn 2016

**Literacy**

This term our Literacy work will be focussed around the book 'Boy in the Girls Bathroom' By Louis Sachar. We will also be reading the picture book 'Way Home' by Libby Hathorn. Reading remains a high priority and we expect all children to read at home every night. Please remind your children to record their reading in their journals and parents should sign these every night.

**Maths**

In maths, we will be developing our understating of number and place value. The children will be working with numbers up to 1 million. This year, we will be having a strong focus on number fluency, reasoning and problem solving throughout each our maths topics.

**Science**

This term we will be looking at the topics 'Out of this World' and 'Material World', as well as developing our skills of scientific enquiry. We have a portable learning dome coming into school to give us an exciting workshop all about the night sky! Each class will get the opportunity to visit the learning dome and this will take place during school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Think Link**

Our topic this term is the Tudors. We will be looking at the history of the Tudor monarchy, finding out about Henry VIII and his many wives and investigating why the River Thames was such an important part of the Tudor period. We will be visiting Hampton Court after half term where we will explore the palace and take part in a workshop called 'Questioning the Past.' We will also be using Tudor recipes to make Christmas pies.

**Homework**

Reading forms part of your child's homework every night. We expect Year 5 children to read for 15 minutes every night independently or to an adult. Your child will bring home their red journal. Please listen to them read and discuss their reading book with them. Children in year 5 are required to comment in their reading journal with a question about what they are reading.

Maths and Literacy homework will be set on a **Thursday** to be returned the following **Monday**.

Spelling homework will be set on a **Monday** to be returned and tested on a **Friday**.

Homework can be done independently by the children although any advice you can offer always aids progress.

**PE**

Please ensure that your child has *full PE kit in school every day*. This includes black shorts or jogging bottoms, their house colour T-shirt and trainers. They may also want to bring in a jumper during the winter months.

P.E in year 5 will vary depending on your child's class. All games lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoon.

**Other important dates:**

Meet the teacher:

Parents Evenings: **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 5.00pm to 8.00pm,**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 4.00pm to 6.00pm**

**Isle of Wight School Journey-** Any questions or information please ask Mrs Webb at the school office who has been 20 times!

**Kind Regards**

Miss Carpenter - Aurora Class - Head of Year 5,

Mrs Hill - Voyager Class

Mrs Jenkins -Voyager Class

Miss Gillan - Asteroid Class

Mrs Lucas-Brown - Pegasus Class