

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 4

Autumn 2017

English:

This term our English work will be based around a number of different texts, the first being **'The Promise'** by Nicola Davies. The children will cover a range of reading, writing and drama activities to explore this text in detail. We will be writing a range of genres including: diary entries, setting descriptions, poetry and narratives. Later on in the term we will be studying **'Edward Tulane'** by Kate DiCamillo, **'Wolves'** by Emily Gravett and **'Firebird'** by Saviour Pirotta.

The new National Curriculum places a great emphasis on reading for pleasure and we endeavour to develop a love for reading in all the children. Please read with your child at home every night and ensure they complete their red reading journal. The children are expected to make their own comment about what they have read. This will be looked at and signed by your child's class teacher every day.

Maths:

In Autumn 1 we will be covering place value in numbers up to four digits. This includes: comparing and ordering numbers, rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, counting in multiples of 6,7,9,25 and 1000 and solving a variety of number problems. In this half term, we will also cover addition and subtraction using formal column methods.

In Autumn 2 we will be moving on to multiplication and division and measurement.

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, for example fractions.

Science:

This term we will be learning about sound using a range of practical experiments and experiences. The children will also be learning about teeth and eating.

Think Link:

This term we will be learning about The Romans: looking at where the Romans invaded, why they came to Britain and what changes they made. The children will have the opportunity to find out about Roman gladiators and also what life was like as a soldier in the Roman Army. We will be looking at a variety of historical sources, including artefacts from The Richmond Museum.

In Autumn 2 the children will be working on geographical skills including map work, countries and continents and physical features such as volcanoes.

Homework:

Your child should bring home a reading book and red reading journal to be signed each day.

Spellings will be set on a Monday and tested on a Friday every week.

Maths or reading comprehension homework will be set on a Thursday to be returned the following Monday.

PE:

Please ensure that your child has full PE kit in school every day. This includes black shorts or jogging bottoms, a T-shirt in team colours and trainers.

Swimming will continue in Year 4 and will be every Monday starting from Monday 11th September.

Trips/Visits this term:

Swimming will be every Monday starting on **Monday 11th September and finishing on Monday 22nd January 2018.**

This term the children will take part in singing lessons held by Richmond Music Trust. This will be on **Wednesdays.**

The children will have a school-based visit from the Image Theatre Company to support our learning on 'The Romans'. This will be on our Romans day on **Wednesday 4th October**

To support their learning in English around the text 'Firebird', the children will be taking part in a school-based dance workshop. **Date to be confirmed.**

How to Contact Us

We are always happy to see you and discuss any queries or concerns you may have. If you need to make an appointment at any time please contact the school office or see us after school.

Miss Brennan – Perimeter Class & Year Group Leader

Mr Joseph – Area Class

Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Peirson-Hagger – Denominator Class

Miss Kingston – Symmetry Class