

## Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 4

Summer 2019

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

### Humanities

Our topic for this half term is 'The Vikings', following on in chronological order from 'The Anglo-Saxons.' Next half term will be a geography topic, where we will be collecting data about our local weather, creating charts and graphs using computer software, and analysing what this tells us about the weather in the UK.

### English

Our first unit of work this half term will be based around the book 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray. We will then move on to studying 'Varjak Paw' by S .F. Said. Whilst studying these book, we will focus on our descriptive writing skills and how to write from different characters' viewpoints  
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 Monday the children will now be bringing home the arithmetic test that they have completed on the Friday 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, 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.

### 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.

### Important dates

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Viking Workshop (in school)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Octavius and Thor Class to Twickenham Bee Keepers Apiary

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Boudicca Class to Twickenham Bee Keepers Apiary

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**- Bushcraft Trip

Year 4 Team