

## Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Hawking Class - Hub

Autumn 2024

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

**Please note** that if your child is attending their mainstream class for subjects, you will find their year group curriculum bulletin on our school website, as the topics being studied may be different.

### The Heathfield Way

'The Heathfield Way' underpins all that we do in school. We expect all members of the Heathfield community to:

- Learn and let others learn
- Respect all people and property
- Work hard and try their very best

Bounce Forward (a new addition to 'The Heathfield Way') – Developed to build a resilient mindset.

- Persisting with things you have not achieved 'Yet'
- Using past successes to overcome new challenges
- Learning from your mistakes

When children follow, 'The Heathfield Way' and are 'Bouncing Forward' within school, they will be awarded housepoints, which are recorded in their reading diary. All Hawking Class children are in blue house.

### Reading Diary

Reading and books are a huge part of our life at Heathfield. Therefore, all children are expected to read aloud to an adult at home **every** day for 20 minutes. After they have read, the children need to record the title of the book and comment about what they have read in their reading diary. An adult from home should then sign next to the comment. Your child's teacher will then read your child's comment and sign the reading diary too.

We understand that sometimes children find it hard to write a comment about what they have read so here are some ideas about what they might write about:

- What has happened in the book so far?
- Who is their favourite character and why?
- Who is their least favourite character and why?

What they predict is going to happen next?



### Humanities

In Autumn 1 the children will study the topic of 'Kings and Queens'. They will learn about some well-known monarchs like Queen Elizabeth II, King Henry VIII, and of course King Charles III. The aim is to provide a broad overview that sparks curiosity and lays the foundation for more detailed historical studies in later years.

### English

Our first text is *Rapunzel* by Bethan Woollvin which is a modern and engaging retelling of the classic fairy tale. The children will explore the themes of empowerment, cleverness, and self-reliance. Next we will study *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt that is a delightful and imaginative picture book that explores creativity, problem-solving, and self-expression through a humorous and engaging story. The children will learn to write letters, diary entries and describe characters effectively.

### Maths

In maths we will be mastering a range of skills within the topics of: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

### Times Tables

Please 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. All Year 4 children will complete the national Multiplication Tables Check in June. This is extremely important as it supports their learning in a range of mathematical areas. Thank you for your continued support.



### Science

We begin our science curriculum learning about materials. The children will learn to understand the different properties and uses of materials through hands-on exploration. They will identify and name a variety of materials, such as wood, metal, plastic, glass, fabric, and paper. Through direct observation and touch they will understand basic properties of materials, including whether they are hard or soft, rough or smooth, flexible or rigid, and absorbent or waterproof.

### SEMH Provision curriculum

**Nurture** – The topics being covered this term are: What does Nurture mean to me? Setting learning and personal goals, social acceptance and making friends.

**Zones of Regulation** – Regulation is something everyone continually works on whether we are cognizant of it. We all encounter trying circumstances that test our limits from time to time. If we can recognize when we are becoming less regulated, we are able to do something about it to manage our feelings and get ourselves to a healthy place. This comes more naturally for some, but for others it is a skill that needs more attention and practice. This is the goal of The Zones of Regulation (or Zones for short). The children will be learning about their zones and how they can use their knowledge of zones to help them regulate their emotions.

### Homework

Spellings will be set on Mondays and should be returned daily. **If your child is attending mainstream English and maths lesson, the homework will be set by their teacher on the days specified in their year group bulletin.**

### School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. This includes wearing suitable **black** shoes. Your child should also have full PE kit in school every day. This includes black or navy shorts, their house T-shirt and trainers.

**Important dates – please also see your child's year group bulletin for more key dates.**

**Year 3** – Stone Age Workshop – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – dress up day

**Year 4** – Swimming lessons start – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

#### **Year 5**

- Science Specialists from Hampton School running practical science lessons – starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Coco Class music performance in assembly
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Attenborough Class assembly
- Trip to Hampton Court Palace – date TBC

#### **Year 6**

- Welcome to Year 6 Parents Meeting including information regarding school admissions and PGL – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 9am in Junior Hall
- Visit to Twickenham School for a taster afternoon – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September
- Junior Citizen Trip, Twickenham – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September (2 classes morning and 2 classes afternoon)
- Maya Dance workshop in school – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October
- Maya Workshop in school – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October
- Bushy Park Science Trip – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- Train Safety workshop in school – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November
- RE Synagogue Visit – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

**Other important dates for the diary:**

PGL Osmington Bay Trip - 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

SATs Week – 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – whole school Parents' evenings**

**How to contact us**

We are always happy to discuss any queries or concerns you may have.

If you need to make a general enquiry please contact the school office via telephone 020 8894 3525 or

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