# **Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin**

**Bolt Class - Hub** 

Spring 2024

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

# 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

When children follow, 'The Heathfield Way' they will be awarded house points, which are recorded in their reading diary. All Heathfield pupils are placed into one of 4 houses- red, yellow, blue or green- when they join the school. All Grand Canyon 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?



Curriculum – 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.

# **English**

This term in English we will be studying a range of different books. In the first term, we will start with some visual literacy which will then be followed by a fiction book called Pugs of the Frozen North by Philip Reeve. In the second part of the term, we will be reading the Picture Book One Plastic Bag based on the true story of Isatou Ceesay from Gambia. We will then move on to The Firework Makers Daughter by Philip Pullman.

# **English Year 6**

We will be studying two books this term. Rose Blanche, a picture book focusing on a young German girl's perspective of the World War 2. In this block the children will be writing a diary, newspaper report and letter. We then move on to read a modern classic, Street Child, based on a child's experiences in Victorian London. You may wish to prepare your child for this book by watching an adaptation of Oliver Twist.

### Maths

This term we will complete our learning of multiplication and division before moving on to fractions where we will learn how to add and subtract fractions, order fractions and find equivalent fractions. Fractions will take us in to Spring 2 and we will finish the term learning about length and perimeter. Just like in the first term, the children will be completing an arithmetic test on a Friday.

#### **Times Tables**

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. 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

Living things – identifying and classifying living things and learning about food chains and webs.

## **SEMH Provision Curriculum**

**Nurture** The topics being covered this term are: 'New Year New Me', where the children will identify a new target they wish to work on this term. Then we will move onto tackling challenging situations and choices and consequences. In Spring 2 the children will practise their speaking and listening skills, using a range of speaking and listening activities.

**PSHE** In the first half term we will be working on the topic of 'Citizenship'. The children will be learning about, rights and responsibilities, recycling, the local community and charity and local democracy. In Spring 2 we will be studying the topic of 'Economic Wellbeing' where the children learn how to manage money, look at job and career choices and we end the term on looking at stereotypes in the workplace.

## Homework

Spellings will be set on Mondays and should be returned daily. Spelling tests will be on a Friday. maths and humanities homework will be set on alternate weeks. If your child is attending mainstream English and maths lessons, 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 with no logos. Your child should also have full PE kit in school every day. This includes black shorts, their house T-shirt and trainers.

## **Healthy Lunch**

Please ensure that your child has a healthy and balanced packed lunch. School lunches are free of charge. A piece of fruit will be provided at playtimes. Also please can you make sure that children come to school with a labelled reusable water bottle.

# <u>Important dates</u> Please also see your child's year group bulletin for year group specific key dates.

All year groups: Parents evening – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

#### Year 4:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Ruby Tui Class Assembly

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Duckling hatching kits arriving

Date to be confirmed (Spring 2) – Buddhist Visitor in school

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Visit Turing House to watch their production of Shrek the Musical

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Bushcraft Trip

# Year 5:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Farah Class assembly

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Planetarium workshop in school

Wednesday 6th March - visit to the local Mosque

Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March – Bikeability training starts

Isle of Wight trip takes place between Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

#### Year 6:

Final Osmington Bay Meeting – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 9am

National Archives Virtual Visit – Various dates in February

Transfer to Secondary School National Offer Day – 1st March

RNLI visit – 1<sup>st</sup> March (in school)

Helping Hands workshop – 13th March

Theatre Exchange – 21<sup>st</sup> March (in school)

DT Day – 21<sup>st</sup> March (please can children bring in shoe boxes/similar sized boxes for this activity)

Humanist Visit – TBC (in school)

PGL - Osmington Bay - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

# Other important future dates for the diary

SATs Week – Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please do not book appointments during this week.

Y6 Production: will be performed on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm

#### 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 message via the Hub phone.

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