

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Grandin Class – Willow

Autumn 2024

Welcome back, we hope you all had a pleasant and relaxing Summer holiday! We begin another exciting school year, which is packed with fantastic learning and wider school opportunities. We are looking forward to working with you and your children so below is a summary of our curriculum for the Autumn term. **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 Grandin Class children are in yellow 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?



English

- This term in Lower Grandin English (Yr3/4) we will begin by studying the text '**Tell me a dragon**' to help us develop and use descriptive vocabulary. We will be creating descriptive writing pieces about dragons and settings. We will then study '**Leaf**' and '**Ug: Boy genius of the stone age**', the children will be writing letters, character descriptions and fact files. We will finish the Autumn term by reading a range of poetry from differing authors and creating our own unique poems.
- This term in Upper Grandin English (Yr5/6) we will begin by studying the text '**Mama Miti**' and we will be reading '**The Lost Happy Endings**'. We will be writing in a range of genres using these texts as our inspiration. We will also be exploring '**Charlotte's Web**' a chapter book the children already know through class assembly. They will study this text in depth and creating a diary, persuasive letter and non-chronological report.

Maths

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



Please continue to work with your child on learning their times tables. This is extremely important as it supports their learning in a range of mathematical areas. In order to help your children learn their times tables, the school remains a member

of 'Times Table Rock Stars'. This is an online website where your children can practise their times tables through fun and interactive games.

Your child's login details are located at the front of the reading journal. We will be using this website in school but also ask that children login and practise at home as well.

Science

Year 4/5 – This term we will be studying 'Looking at states' (States of matter) during Autumn 1 then What's That Sound? (Sound) in Autumn 2.

Year 3 – This term we will be studying 'Moving and Eating' during Autumn 1 then 'Opposites Attract' in Autumn 2. This will be completed within Shamsia class.

In both terms we will be improving our scientific knowledge of both topics and improve our investigative skills through a range of practical experiments and experiences. A knowledge organiser will be published so that you can see an outline of the knowledge and skills your child will be taught in these topics.

Therapies

Occupational Therapy – OT will remain on a Tuesday and will include gross and fine motor sessions designed to improve our core strength, balance, coordination and improve our handwriting. Sessions will also be built in to manage and support our sensory needs. Our current therapist remains unwell but our replacement Pippa Chapman will be joining in the interim.

Speech and Language – SAL will remain on a Wednesday and will include groups involving some aspects of social thinking and Lego therapy within Autumn term. We will continue to work on our skills to engage our peers in conversation and continue our work on big and small problems. Chelsea Long will remain as our therapist.

Homework

Homework is very important within school to help cement and embed our learning throughout the week and something we wish to re-launch this year. Homework will be sent out weekly. It will be set on a Monday to be returned the following Monday. Your child will have a green maths homework book and red homework book. The topic for the red homework book will change throughout the term and will relate to what we have been learning that week. This will begin Monday 9th September.

Spelling homework will be set every Monday and should be returned on the Friday.

School Uniform Reminder

At Heathfield Junior School we pride ourselves on our smart appearance. All children are expected to wear:

- Purple school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Fleece with school logo (**optional**)
- White/purple polo shirt
- White, black or grey socks
- Black shoes (**no boots, trainers or sandals**)
- Black or grey tailored trousers/shorts or skirt/dress (**no leggings**)

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. This includes wearing suitable 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 key dates.

- Parents' evenings – Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October
- Please look out for Year Group specific dates via parent hub and your child's Year Group bulletin

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 email: willow@heathfield-inf.richmond.sch.uk

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