

## Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

### Myrtle Class – Willow

Autumn 2025

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

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.

#### **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 English (Year 3) we will begin by studying the text 'Tell Me a Dragon' where the children will explore descriptive writing and create their own fantasy dragon. We will then study the picture book 'Leaf' that tells the story of a lost polar bear. The children will use their empathy skills to write in role for different genres. We will finish the Autumn term by reading 'Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells.
- This term in Myrtle English (Yr 4/5/6) we will begin by studying the text 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne as this text allows for lots of discussion. We will learn how to write letters, extending sentences and developing use of persuasive language. We will then study 'Iron Man', which will develop our descriptive writing. Later on we will be studying 'Wolves' where we will be writing non-chronological reports and we will finish the term by reading 'Ice Palace'.

#### **Maths:**

In maths we will be mastering a range of skills within the topics of: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be working to prepare the children for the national Multiplication Tables Check which will take place in June for all Year 4 children. 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 has become 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. We also recommend that parents and children familiarise themselves with 'Multiplication Times Table Check' website, especially the 'Multiplication Tables Check' mode, as this is very similar to the government test that the children will sit in June 2026.

**Please get your child to use TTRS every day for 5-10 minutes.**

#### **Science:**

**Year 6-** This term we will be studying adaptation, habitats, followed by the Staying Alive unit revising



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previous learning about humans and animals. This will be completed in Myrtle Class.

**Year 5-** This term we will be studying the topic 'Let's Get Moving' (forces). This will be completed within Koombana class.

**Year 4-** This term we will be studying 'Teeth, Eating and Digestion' during Autumn 1 then 'Electricity' 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 Pokai Bay 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 is no longer with us but our replacement Alexandra Fernando will be joining us until October half term before our full time therapist will begin in November.

**Speech and Language** - SAL will remain on a Wednesday and will include groups involving a continuation of self-advocacy alongside zones of regulation support 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. Clare Cruikshank will remain as our therapist.

#### **School Uniform:**

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
- White/purple polo shirt
- White, black or grey socks
- Black shoes (**no boots, trainers or sandals**)
- Black or grey tailored trousers/skirt (**no leggings**)
- Purple and white Summer dresses

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' evening – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October
- Please look out for Year group specific dates via parent hub

#### **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](mailto:willow@heathfield-inf.richmond.sch.uk)

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