

**Heathfield Junior School
Curriculum Bulletin**

Grandin Class – Willow

Spring 2025

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful holiday period! We begin another busy school term, which is packed with wonderful new learning opportunities across the school. We are looking forward to working with you and your children so below is a summary of our curriculum for the Spring 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.

English

This term in English we will be studying a range of different books. In the first term, we will be studying a visual literacy book called *The Wish Granter* which will be followed by *Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman. We will finish the Spring term by reading a range of poetry from differing authors and creating our own unique poems.

Maths

In maths we will be mastering a range of skills within the topics of multiplication, division, measure 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 is 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. In the Spring term there will be a year group competition set on 'Time Tables Rock Stars' as part of homework.



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?



Science
Year 4/5

We will be continuing our learning about sound and how it travels and then moving on to space and the solar system in our topic 'Out of this World'.

Year 3

This term we will be studying 'Earth rocks'. In both terms the children will be improving their scientific knowledge of the topic and developing their investigative skills through a range of practical experiments and experiences.

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. We will also continue to develop our real life skills with creative and self-care style activities. Sessions will also be built in to manage and support our sensory needs. Laura Quinn will continue to be our OT this term.

Speech and Language

SAL will remain on a Wednesday and will include groups involving some aspects of zones of regulation including managing our feelings and emotions as well as social skills through game play and competition within Spring term. We will continue to work on our skills to engage our peers in conversation through play and real life modelling. Clare Cruikshank is our new therapist starting with us in the Spring term.

Homework

Homework is very important within school to help cement and embed our learning throughout the week and something we are pleased to say has been very successful this year so far. Keep it up!

Homework will continue to 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 a 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.

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

School Uniform Reminder

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 shorts or jogging bottoms, their house T-shirt and trainers.

Important dates

Please also see your child's year group bulletin for key dates.

- Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th February
- Year 3 Swimming lessons start after February half term (refer to separate letter for dates)

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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