

Heathfield Junior School

Curriculum Bulletin

Myrtle Class – Willow

Spring 2026

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.

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 be studying a range of different books. At the start of term, we will be studying a visual literacy book called *The Girl and the Fox*. We will also be reading the *Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman. In the second half 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 some poetry.
- This term in Myrtle English (Years 4/5/6) we will also be studying a visual literacy book called *The Girl and the Fox*. We will also study the text ‘Firebird’ the story is a popular Russian folktale about a magical, glowing bird whose feathers bring fortune. This text allows for lots of narrative discussion and we will learn how to create a comprehensive narrative. 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: 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.

Timestables.co.uk
Learn the times tables here!

Science

Year 6 – In the first half-term we will be looking at **light** before moving on to **electricity** in the second half-term

Year 5 – We will be continuing our learning about space and the solar system in our topic **Out of this World** and move on to discuss **Materials** and their properties.

Year 4 – Living things – identifying and classifying living things and learning about food chains and webs.

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. Benedetta Costa is our new therapist having joined us at October half 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 looking at things we can and cannot control within our daily lives. We will also be focussing on our comprehension skills built on blanks level questioning during 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 current therapist continuing with us within Spring term.

Project Homework

Each half term, we will be sending home a project linked to class learning. The children will need to research the chosen topic and choose a creative way to present their findings. For example, models, booklets, posters or PowerPoint presentations. Parents and carers are then invited into school to share and celebrate the finished projects together. This is not only a great celebratory moment for the children, but also an opportunity to put their oracy skills to work.

Spring 1

Project Homework Set- Monday 12th January

Project Homework Due in- Monday 23rd February

Homework Showcase Morning- Friday 27th February

Spring 2

Project Homework Set- Monday 2nd March

Project Homework Due in- Monday 13th April

Homework Showcase Morning- Friday 17th April

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 or navy 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 9th and Tuesday 10th February**

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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