

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 3

Autumn 2025

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 joined the school in Year 3.

Reading Diary:

Reading and books are a huge part of our life at Heathfield. Therefore, in Year 3 children are expected to read aloud to an adult at home **every** day for about 15-20 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?

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Reading Diary
2024/2025

Name: _____
Class: _____

English:

This term in English, 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.

Maths:

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

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.

Science:

This term we will be studying 'Moving and Eating' during Autumn 1 then 'Opposites Attract' in Autumn 2. 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.

Humanities:

In Autumn 1 the children will study 'The Stone Age' for history and in Autumn 2 the children will practise their geographical skills related to different locations and places. 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. Please have a look at this with your child and ask them what they have been doing in school.

Swimming:

Swimming will start as early as week 2 and continue until the Christmas break in December.

Items needed for swimming include:

- Swimming costume / swimming shorts
- Towel
- Swim hat (as requested by the swim school)
- Goggles (optional)

PE:

Please ensure that your child has full PE kit in school every day. This includes black shorts or jogging bottoms, a T-shirt in team colours and trainers. Please note your class PE days below.

Ahipara – PE lessons are on Tuesday and Wednesday

Mackinac – PE lessons are on Tuesday and Wednesday

Pokai Bay – PE lessons are on Tuesday and Wednesday

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.

Dates for the Diary:

- First swimming lesson – Monday 8th September
- Stone Age Workshop – Wednesday 15th October – dress up day
- Parents' evening – Monday 20th October and Tuesday 21st October

How to Contact Us:

We are always happy to see you and discuss any queries or concerns you may have.

If you need to make an appointment at any time please contact the school office via telephone 020 8894 3525 or email: office@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk

We look forward to a successful year.

Miss Turnbull – Year Group Leader – Ahipara Class

Mrs Tarin – Mackinac Class

Miss Perrin – Pokai Bay Class