

Heathfield Junior School Curriculum Bulletin

Year 3

Spring 2023-2024

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.

English

This term in English we will be studying a range of different books. In the first term, we will start with some visual literacy which will then be followed by a fiction book called *Pugs of the Frozen North* by Philip Reeve. In the second part 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 *The Firework Makers Daughter* by Philip Pullman.

Maths

This term we will complete our learning of multiplication and division before moving on to fractions where we will learn how to add and subtract fractions, order fractions and find equivalent fractions. Fractions will take us in to Spring 2 and we will finish the term learning about length and perimeter. Just like in the first term, the children will be completing an arithmetic test on a **Friday**. Test papers will go home with them on Monday for them to share their results and work on questions they found tricky.

Times Tables

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 we will continue to use **Times Table Rock Stars**, the 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.

Reading Diary

Reading and books are a huge part of our life at Heathfield and all children will go home every day with a carefully matched reading book for their step level. In Year 3 children are expected to read aloud to an adult for about 15 - 20 minutes every night, including weekends. 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 each day. 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?
- Words or phrases they particularly liked or wanted to investigate
- What they predict is going to happen next?

Science

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.

Humanities

We will be beginning the Spring term by learning about the Indus Valley Civilisation in history. In Spring 2, we will be studying geography and history. The history topic for Spring 2 is Ancient Egypt. This is a fantastic topic that we will be teaching through a creative and historical skills based approach. In Geography, our topic is fieldwork and we will be carrying out a litter survey that is linked with our English text *One Plastic Bag*. For each of these topics, 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.

Homework

- Non-core and Maths homework will continue to be sent out on alternative weeks.
- All homework will be set on a **Monday** and will be due in on the **Monday** of the following week.
- Spellings will be set on a **Monday** and will be due in and tested on **Friday**.

PE and Games

All children will be expected to have their kit in school all week. For PE they will need a house T-shirt and black shorts. For games they will need appropriate clothing to go outside: tracksuit, sweatshirts and trainers.

Simmonds – PE lessons are on Monday and Wednesday

Kinsella – PE lessons are on Wednesday and Friday

Pendleton – PE lessons are on Wednesdays and Thursday

Ennis-Hill – 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 (**optional/outside**)
- White/purple polo shirt
- White, black or grey socks or tights
- Black shoes (**no boots or sandals**)
- Black or grey tailored trousers or skirt (**no leggings**)

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Important dates

- Indus Valley Dance Workshop – Monday 29th January
- Parents' Evening – Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th February
- World book day and bedtime stories – Thursday 7th March
- Simmonds Class assembly – Thursday 14th March
- DT Day – Wednesday 27th March and Thursday 28th March
- Ancient Egyptian Day – TBC

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 Cowderoy – Simmonds Class – Year 3 Group Leader

Mrs Callender – Kinsella Class

Miss Belaid – Pendleton Class

Miss Williams – Ennis-Hill Class