

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 3

Spring 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.

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?



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 Girl and the Fox* which will be followed by *Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman. In the second 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.

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.



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

The topics for this term are Indus Valley followed by Ancient Egyptians. These are fantastic topics that we will be continuing to teach through a creative and historical skills based approach. Year 3 will also be covering the topic Environmental Fieldwork where we conduct a litter survey in our local area. 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

Non-core and Maths homework will continue to be sent out on alternative weeks.

They will be set on a Monday to be returned on the following Monday.

Spellings

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

Each week children should achieve 20 points in their spelling home work by choosing different ways to practise.

During the Autumn term, the children were shown different activities to practise their spellings and a list of these can be found in your child's spelling book.

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 as each class is different.

Maui – PE lessons are on Monday and Wednesday

Shamsia – PE lessons are on Wednesday and Friday

Austen – PE lessons are on Wednesday and Thursday

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
- Black shoes (**no boots or sandals**)
- Black or grey tailored trousers/skirt (**no leggings**)

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Dates for the Diary

- Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th February
- Indus Valley – dance workshop TBC
- Environmental fieldwork – litter survey in our local area – date TBC
- World Book Day – date TBC
- Egyptian Workshop: Spring 2 date TBC
- Swimming lessons start after February half term (refer to separate letter for dates)

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

Miss Turnbull – Year Group Leader – Maui Class

Mrs Tarin – Shamsia Class

Miss Belaid – Austen Class