

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 3

Spring 2026

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. At the end of last term, we studied a visual literacy book called *The Girl and the Fox*. To begin the term, we will be reading *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.

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 Tables 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'.



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.

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. As swimming has now finished, we will be doing an indoor PE lesson once a week. Please see days below for each class.

Ahipara – PE lessons are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Mackinac – PE lessons are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Pokai Bay – PE lessons are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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

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

Dates for the Diary

- Parents' Evenings – Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February
- Indus Valley – dance workshop TBC
- Environmental fieldwork – litter survey in our local area
- World Book Day – Thursday 5th March
- Egyptian Workshop – Thursday 12th March

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 term.

Miss Turnbull – Year Group Leader – Ahipara Class

Mrs Tarin – Mackinac Island Class

Miss Perrin – Pokai Bay Class