

Heathfield Junior School Curriculum Bulletin

Year 3

Summer 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 focus our writing skills on writing from different characters perspectives focusing on the powerful non-fiction narrative *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman which tells a charming and adventurous story of a girl called Lila who goes on a perilous journey. We will then read *Moth: An Evolution Story* by Isabel Thomas. We will finish the year with a selection of poetry and creative writing.

Maths

In Summer 1 we will be learning about *Measure* (mass and capacity) and *Money*.

We will then move on to work on *Time*, another practical area of maths where the more children discuss telling the time at home, the more confident they will be in class. The final topics in Summer 2 will be) *Shape* (2D and 3D) and *Statistics*. Just like in the first two terms, 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

Our first topic in the Summer term will be '*How does my garden grow.*' This engaging topic about plants is always a big hit with children who are interested in nature and growing things. In summer 2 we will be learning about mirrors and lights in the topic, '*Mirror, mirror.*'

Humanities

In Summer 1, we will be studying our Geography topic *Fairtrade*. In Summer 2, we will return to history and learn about the *Iron Age*, which builds on the children's skills and knowledge from our *Stone Age*, *Indus Valley* and *Egyptian* topics earlier in the year. 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
- Black shoes (**no boots or sandals**)
- Black or grey tailored trousers or skirt (**no leggings**)
- Or a summer dress

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Important Dates

- Swimming starts Thursday 18th April – Please see separate time table sent out
- Class photos – Friday 17th May
- Trip to Kew Gardens – Tuesday 4th June
- Junior Sports Day – Friday 5th July
- Ennis-Hill Class assembly – Wednesday 24th April
- Kinsella Class assembly – Wednesday 15th May
- Pendleton Class assembly – Wednesday 12th June

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 Cowderoy – Simmonds Class – Year 3 Group Leader

Mrs Callender – Kinsella Class

Miss Belaid – Pendleton Class

Miss Williams – Ennis-Hill Class