

## Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 4

Autumn 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

Bounce Forward (a new addition to 'The Heathfield Way') – Developed to build a resilient mindset.

- Persisting with things you have not achieved 'Yet'
- Using past successes to overcome new challenges
- Learning from your mistakes

When children follow, 'The Heathfield Way' and are 'Bouncing Forward' within school, they will be awarded housepoints, which are recorded in their reading diary. All Heathfield pupils are placed into one of 4 houses - red, yellow, blue or green - when they join the school in Year 3.

### 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 4 children are expected to read aloud to an adult or independently daily for about 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?

### English

This term in English we will begin by studying the text 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne as this text allows for lots of discussion. We will learn how to write letters, extending sentences and developing use of persuasive language. We will then study 'Iron Man', which will develop our descriptive writing. Later on we will be studying 'Wolves' where we will be writing non-chronological reports and we will finish the term by reading 'Firebird'.

### Maths

In maths we will be mastering a range of skills within the topics of: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be working to prepare the children for the national Multiplication Tables Check which will take place in June for all Year 4 children. 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. We also recommend that parents and children familiarise themselves with 'Multiplication Times Table Check' website, especially the 'Multiplication Tables Check' mode, as this is very similar to the government test that the children will sit in June 2025.

**TimesTables.co.uk**  
Learn the times tables here!

## **Science**

This term we will be studying 'Teeth and Eating' during Autumn 1 then 'Electricity' 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.

## **Humanities**

In Autumn 1 the children will study 'The Romans' and in Autumn 2 the children will practise their geographical skills related to volcanoes, rivers, mountains and land uses.

## **Homework**

### Topic and Maths homework

Topic and Maths homework will be sent out on alternative weeks.

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

### Spellings

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

## **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 house colours and trainers.

## **Swimming**

Year 4 will start their swimming lessons on Monday 9th September.

## **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**)
- White/purple polo shirt
- White, black or grey socks
- Black shoes (**no boots, trainers or sandals**)
- Black or grey tailored trousers/short or skirt/dress (**no leggings**)

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

## **Dates for the Diary**

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming lessons begin – Last one for Autumn term Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 guitar lessons begin
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Parents' evenings
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Roman Day and workshops (dress up as a Roman)
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – RE visit to local church
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Firebird Boundless Dance workshop
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Marconi Class assembly

## **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](mailto:office@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk)

We look forward to a successful year.

*Mr Donnelly – Group Leader and Marconi Class Teacher*

*Ms Wright and Miss Dawson – Ederle Class Teachers*

*Miss Smart – Nightingale Class Teacher*

*Ms Spriggs – Valentine Class Teacher*