

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 4

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.

English

In Spring 1 we will be reading The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane and in Spring 2 we will be reading Charlotte's Web. We will be writing in a range of genres such as persuasive writing, retelling a story and diary entries using the two texts as our inspiration.

Maths

This term we will be covering fractions and decimals. This includes: recognising families of equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, recognising and writing decimal equivalents and rounding and ordering decimals. We will also work on area and perimeter. Just like in the first term the children will be completing an arithmetic test on a **Friday**.

Times Tables

In maths we will also be mastering a range of skills within the topics of: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will 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. **Please get your child to use TTRS every day for 5-10 minutes.**



TimesTables.co.uk
Learn the times tables here!

Reading Diary

Reading and books are a huge part of our life at Heathfield. Therefore, in Year 4 children are expected to read aloud to an adult at home **every** day for 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?



Science

In Science we will be learning about living things. We will look at identifying and classifying living things and learning about food chains and webs.

Humanities

Our Spring 1 Humanities topic is 'Anglo Saxons' where we will be learning about dates on a timeline, comparing historical cultures to modern day and studying artefacts. Our Spring Two topic is 'Food and Farming' where we will be learning about farming around the world and where our food comes from.

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 will then be invited into school to share and celebrate the finished projects together with their children. 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

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.

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.

Important Dates

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February – Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 25th February – Buddhist visitor

Friday 27th February – Homework Project Showcase 8.45-9.15am

Monday 9th March - Duckling hatching kits arriving

Tuesday 10th March – Bamburgh 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

We look forward to a successful term.

Mrs Hill – Year Group Leader and Pegwell Bay Class Teacher

Miss Dawson – Chesil Class Teacher

Miss Ginman and Miss Thomson – Bamburgh Class