

Heathfield Junior School

Curriculum Bulletin

Year 5

Autumn 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.

English

In Autumn 1, our English learning will be focused around the texts 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies, and 'Radiant Child' by Javaka Steptoe. The Promise is a picture book which tells a tale of hope. Radiant Child is a richly illustrated biography that tells the story of the life and career of a young, American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. In Autumn 2 we will be focusing on the picture book, *The Watertower* by Gary Crew. The book tells a mysterious story of two boys visiting a sinister water tower, with intriguing and detailed illustrations.

Maths

In Year 5, we have a strong focus on number fluency, reasoning and problem solving throughout each of our maths topics. Our learning in maths this term will be on the development and understanding of number and place value. The children will be working with numbers up to 1 million. After that we will be moving on to securing our skills in both addition and subtraction. Each week, the children will complete an arithmetic test (on Fridays). Once marked, test papers will go home with the children for them to share their results and work on questions they found tricky.

Times Tables

Your child worked extremely hard in Year 4 to learn their times tables. Please continue to work with your child to learn or practice 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 5 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?

Science

This Autumn in science we will be looking at the topic 'Let's Get Moving' (forces). During this topic, children will have the opportunity to plan and conduct a variety of exciting experiments as well as developing their skills in the following scientific areas: identifying and classifying, observation, pattern seeking, fair testing and research.

Humanities

In Autumn 1, we will begin teaching the Tudor period in history. We will be looking at the history of the Tudor monarchy and how it impacted upon British society, finding out about Henry VIII and his many wives, exploring life at Hampton Court Palace and analysing lots of historical sources about the period. We will continue our Tudor studies in the Spring Term.

Autumn 2, is dedicated to the study of geography. We will be building on the work done in Year 4 by exploring the many different features shown on maps while looking at more detailed information such as land use patterns.

PE and Games

PE in hall

Monday – Paradis (Miss Belaid)

Tuesday – Koombana Bay (Miss Smart)

Wednesday – Waikiki (Miss Williams)

Friday – Elafonisi (Mrs Wright)

Year 5 outdoor games days: **Tuesday or Thursday**

All children will be expected to have their kit in school all week, including trainers. 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.

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**)

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Other important dates

- Tuesday 21st October – Waikiki Class assembly
- Tuesday 25th November – Koombana Bay Class assembly
- Trip to Hampton Court Palace – date TBC

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 year.

Miss Williams – Waikiki Class – Year 5 Group Leader

Mrs Wright – Elafonisi Class

Miss Smart – Koombana Bay Class

Miss Belaid – Paradis Class