

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 6

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 6 children are expected to read aloud to an adult or independently daily for about 30 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

We will be reading Rose Blanche, a picture book with WW2 themes, as well as Walter Tull's Scrapbook which will focus on non-narrative writing techniques.

Maths

In maths we will begin with place value, move onto written methods for the four operations and then focus on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will complete an arithmetic test every Friday.

Science

Science this half term is based upon adaptation, habitats, followed by the Staying Alive unit revising previous learning about humans and animals.

Humanities

Our humanities topic in Autumn 1 is the Maya Civilization. We will be looking at hierarchy, religion, daily life and their rise and decline. Then in Autumn 2 we move onto our Geography unit on location and place skills.

You will also receive a Humanities, Art, PSHE and Science Knowledge Organiser through parenthub, which will outline the content and key vocabulary that children will be learning this term in each of these subjects.

Trips and visits

We have various trips and visits planned this half term – see dates for the diary below. Letters will be sent in due course.

Homework

- Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be due in on the Friday of the same week and will be set by your child's maths set teacher.
- During the first half-term, non-core homework will be set once a fortnight on a Monday and will be due in on the Friday of the same week. Once the children are in the routine of completing more homework, the non-core tasks will be set every week.
- Spellings will be set on a Friday and will be due in on the following Friday.

There will be a homework club run during lunchtimes on various days of the week.

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.

- Mandela Class – PE lessons are on Monday and Wednesday
- Carroll Class – PE lessons are on Tuesday and Monday/Wednesday on alternative weeks
- Noor Class – PE lessons are on Thursday and Monday/Wednesday on alternative weeks
- Ortelius Class – PE lessons are on Friday and Monday/Wednesday on alternative weeks

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.

Walking Home Alone/Mobile Phones

We understand that some parents will wish for their Year 6 child to walk home alone. A letter was sent regarding this at the end of the Year 5. Please can any further permission slips be returned as soon as possible and no later than Friday 13th September. You might also wish for your child to have a mobile phone when walking to school. We ask that children turn off their phone and give it to their teacher to look after when entering school.

Dates for the Diary

Year 6 Welcome meeting including information regarding school admissions and PGL – Wednesday 18th September at 9am in the junior hall

- Welcome to Year 6 Parents Meeting including information regarding school admissions and PGL – Wednesday 18th September at 9am in Junior Hall
- Junior Citizen Trip, Twickenham – Thursday 26th September (2 classes morning and 2 classes afternoon)
- Parents Evenings – 21st / 22nd October
- Maya Dance Workshop in school – Tuesday 15th October
- Maya workshop in school – Thursday 17th October
- Bushy Park Science Trip – Wednesday 6th November
- Train Safety workshop in school – Friday 8th November
- RE Synagogue Visit – Wednesday 20th November

Secondary School Applications Close **31st October 2024** - Please visit <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> and fill in the online form with your secondary school choices. The user name and password should be the same as the one you used when moving from the infant to the junior school.

Other important dates for the diary

PGL Osmington Bay Trip – 21st – 24th March 2025

SATs Week – 12th – 16th May 2025

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.

Mrs Hill – Ortelius Class/Year Group Leader

Mrs Mullen – Noor Class

Mr Shaw – Carroll Class

Mrs Ginman/Mrs Callender – Mandela Class