

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 6

Spring 2025

Welcome back, and a Happy New Year.

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

We will be studying two books this term. *Rose Blanche* is a picture book focusing on a young German girl's perspective of World War 2. In this block the children will be writing a diary, newspaper report and letter. We then move on to read a modern classic, *Street Child*, based on a child's experiences in Victorian London. You may wish to prepare your child for this book by watching an adaptation of *Oliver Twist*.

Maths

This term the children will learning about measures, geometry, ratio, algebra. We will complete an arithmetic or a reasoning test every Friday.

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?

Science

In the first half-term we will be looking at light before moving on to electricity in the second half-term.

Humanities

We will be studying World War 2 for the whole of the Spring Term. The children will look at aspects of the home front including The Blitz, Rationing, Evacuation and Propaganda.

Homework

- Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be due in on the Friday of the same week. It will be set by your child's maths set teacher.
- Non-core homework will be set a Monday and will be due in on the Friday of the same week. There will be a homework club which will run during lunchtimes on various days of the week.
- Spelling homework will be set on a Friday and due in 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.

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

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

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Walking Home Alone/Mobile Phones

A reminder that if you wish for your child to be able to walk home alone, you must complete the permission form which you can get at the office. We ask that children turn off their phone once on the school site and give it to their teacher to look after when entering school.

Dates for the Diary

Mandella Class Assembly – Thursday 16th January

National Archives Virtual Tours – Various dates in February

Parents Evenings – 3rd and 4th February

Boundless WW2 Swing Dance Workshop – 25th February

Secondary Schools Offers Day – 3rd March

Virtual visit from the Nation Army Museum about the effect of the Blitz on Britain – 4th March

RNLI Visit – 14th March

Theatre Exchange WW2 Evacuation Drama Workshop – 20th March

PGL Osmington Bay Trip - 21st– 24th March

Turing House Buggy Malone Production – 3rd April

A visit from the Humanist Society to deliver a lesson all about Humanism – date tbc

Other important dates

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

Mrs Hill – Ortelius Class/Year Group Leader

Mrs Mullen – Noor Class

Mr Shaw – Carroll Class

Mrs Ginman/Mrs Callender – Mandela Class