

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Grand Canyon - Hub

Spring 2023

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 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. All Grand Canyon Class children are in blue house.

Reading Diary

Reading and books are a huge part of our life at Heathfield. Therefore, all 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?



Curriculum – please note that if your child is attending their mainstream class for subjects, you will find their year group curriculum bulletin on our school website, as the topics being studied may be different.

English

This term in English we will be studying a range of different book. In the first term, we will be studying *Pugs of the Frozen North* by Philip Reeve which will be followed by some visual literacy. In the second term we will be reading the Picture Book *One Plastic Bag* based on the true story of Isatou Ceesay from Gambia. We will the move on to *The Firework Makers Daughter* by Philip Pullman.

Maths

In maths we will be mastering a range of skills within the topics of: multiplication, division, measure, geometry and fractions.

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.

Times Tables

Please continue to work with your child on learning their times tables. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all times tables up to 12x12. All Year 4 **children** will complete the national Multiplication Tables Check in June. This is extremely important as it supports their learning in a range of mathematical areas. Thank you for your continued support.



Science

This term we will be studying 'Earth rocks'. In both terms the children will be improving their scientific knowledge of the topic and developing their investigative skills through a range of practical experiments and experiences.

Computing

In Spring 1 the children will learn how to communicate by email. They will learn how to:

- Send a simple email with a subject plus 'To' and 'From' in the body of the text.
- Edit an email.
- Type in the email address correctly and send the email.
- Add an attachment to an email.
- Write an email using positive language, with an awareness of how it will make the recipient feel.
- Recognise unkind behaviour online and know how to report it.
- Offer advice to victims of cyberbullying.
- Recognise when an email may be fake and explain how they know.

In Spring 2 the children will study the topic of 'Journey inside the computer' and will learn to:

- Recognise inputs and outputs and that the computer sends and receives information.
- Explain that the parts of a laptop work together and the purpose of each part.
- Explain what an algorithm is.
- Suggest what memory is for inside a computer.
- Make comparisons between different types of computers.

Please ensure the children bring their school diary into school so that they have their log in available for computing lessons.

SEMH Provision curriculum – Nurture The topics being covered this term are: 'New Year New Me', where the children will identify a new target they wish to work on this term. Then we will move onto tackling challenging situations and choices and consequences. In Spring 2 the children will practise their speaking and listening skills, using a range of speaking and listening activities.

PSHE – In the first half term we will be working on the topic of 'Citizenship'. The children will be learning about, rights and responsibilities, recycling, the local community and charity and local democracy. In Spring 2 we will be studying the topic of 'Economic Wellbeing' where the children learn how to manage money, look at job and career choices and we end the term on looking at stereotypes in the workplace.

Homework

Spellings will be set on Mondays and should be returned daily. Spelling tests will be on a Friday. English and maths homework will be set on alternate weeks. **If your child is attending mainstream English and maths lesson, the homework will be set by their teacher on the days specified in their year group bulletin.**

School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. This includes wearing suitable **black** shoes with no logos. Your child should also have full PE kit in school every day. This includes black or navy shorts, their house T-shirt and trainers.

Important dates

Please also see your child's year group bulletin for year group specific key dates.

- Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 6th February and Tuesday 7th February
- Children's Mental Health Week W/C - Monday 6th February
- Trip to Natural History Museum (Year 3) – Tuesday 21st February
- Swimming lessons begin 27th February (Year 3) – A letter will be sent out at the end of January
- World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

How to contact us

We are always happy to discuss any queries or concerns you may have.

If you need to make a general enquiry please contact the school office via telephone 020 8894 3525 or message via the Hub phone.

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