

## Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 3

Spring 2023

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 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. Therefore, in Year 3 children are expected to read aloud to an adult at home **every** day for about 15-20 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?

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Reading Diary  
2022/2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 and fractions.

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 is 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. In the Spring term there will be whole school competitions set on 'Time Tables Rock Stars'.



### 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.

### Humanities

The topic for this term is Ancient Egypt. This is a fantastic topic that we will be continuing to teach through a creative and historical skills based approach. A knowledge organiser will be published so that you can see an outline of the knowledge and skills your child will be taught in these topics. Please have a look at this with your child and ask them what they have been doing in school.

## **Homework:**

### **Non-core and Maths homework**

Non-core and Maths homework will continue to be sent out on alternative weeks.

They will be set on a Monday to be returned on the following Monday.

### **Spellings**

Spelling homework will be set every Monday and should be returned on the Friday.

The children will also have a spelling test on the Friday using the words the children were set at the beginning of the week. Each week children should achieve 20 points in their spelling home work by choosing different ways to practise. During the Autumn term, the children were shown different activities to practise their spellings and a list of these can be found in your child's spelling book.

## **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. Their first T-shirt will be provided by the school.

**Kilimanjaro** – PE lessons are on Monday and Wednesdays/Fridays

**Emin** – PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Wednesday/Fridays

**Meru** – PE lessons are on Thursday and Mondays/ Wednesdays

## **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 or sandals**)
- Black or grey tailored trousers/skirt (**no leggings**)

## **Dates for the Diary**

- Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February
- Children's Mental Health Week W/C - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Trip to Natural History Museum – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Swimming lessons begin 27<sup>th</sup> February – A letter will be sent out at the end of January
- World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- Egyptian Workshop: Spring 2 date TBC
- DT Days – 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March

## **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](mailto:office@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk)

We look forward to a successful year.

*Miss Cowderoy* – Year Group Leader – Kilimanjaro Class

*Mrs Callender* – Emin Class

*Ms Tarin* – Meru Class