

## Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 4

Autumn 2022

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 4 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?



### **English:**

This term in English we will begin by studying the text 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne as this text allows for lots of discussion. We will learn how to write letters, extending sentences and developing use of persuasive language. We will then study 'Iron Man', which will develop our descriptive writing. Later on we will be studying 'Wolves' where we will be writing non-chronological reports and we will finish the term by reading 'Firebird'.

### **Maths:**

In maths we will be mastering a range of skills within the topics of: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be working to prepare the children for the national Multiplication Tables Check which will take place in June for all Year 4 children. 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 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.

### **Science:**

This term we will be studying 'Teeth and Eating' during Autumn 1 then 'Electricity' in Autumn 2. In both terms we will be improving our scientific knowledge of both topics and improve our investigative skills through a range of practical experiments and experiences.

### **Humanities:**

In Autumn 1 the children will study 'The Romans' and in Autumn 2 the children will practise their geographical skills related to volcanoes, rivers, mountains and land uses.

**Homework:**Topic and Maths homework

Topic and Maths homework will 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 Friday and should be returned on the following Thursday.

The children will also have a spelling test on a Thursday where they will be asked to apply the taught spelling rule to an unseen set of words.

**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.

**Swimming:**

Year 4 will start their swimming lessons on Monday 12th September.

**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/skirt (no leggings)

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

**Dates for the Diary:**

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September – swimming lessons begin
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 guitar lessons begin
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Roman Day and workshops (dress up as a Roman)
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup>/Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' evening
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>/Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – individual and family photos
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Firebird dance workshop

**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

*Mrs Kurdi – Year Group Leader and Vesuvius Class Teacher*

*Ms Turnbull – Ruapehu Class Teacher*

*Ms Kirton – Teide Class Teacher*

*Ms Williams – Mayon Class Teacher*