

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 4

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 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

In Spring 1 we will be reading The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane and in Spring 2 we will be reading Charlotte's Web. We will be writing in a range of genres using the two texts as our inspiration. Please continue to hear your child read and encourage them to read and record their reading daily in their journals. Daily reading is proven to help your child make significant progress in both reading and writing.

Maths

In Spring one we will be revisiting and enhancing our knowledge of multiplication and division using Times Tables knowledge and long and short written methods. We will also be covering fractions and decimals. This includes: recognising families of equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, recognising and writing decimal equivalents and rounding and ordering decimals.

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 the summer term. This is extremely important as it supports their learning in a range of mathematical areas, including fractions. Thank you for your continued support. The children have already started to work their way to becoming 'Multiplication Masters' in school.



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

Living things – identifying and classifying living things and learning about food chains and webs.

Humanities

Our Spring One Humanities topic is 'Anglo Saxons' where we will be learning about dates on a timeline, comparing historical cultures to modern day and studying artefacts. Our Spring Two topic is 'Food and Farming' where we will be learning about farming around the world and where our food comes from.

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 continue with their swimming lessons and their final lesson will be on Monday 20th February.

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.

Important Dates

Thursday 2nd February – Vesuvius class assembly

Monday 6th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February – Parents' Evenings

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Tuesday 7th March – Duckling hatching kits arriving

Thursday 23rd March – Mayon class assembly

Thursday 25th May – Friday 26th May – Bushcraft

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 Kurdi – Year Group Leader and Vesuvius Class Teacher

Ms Turnbull – Ruapehu Class Teacher

Ms Kirton – Teide Class Teacher

Ms Williams – Mayon Class Teacher