

## Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 4

Summer 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 house points, 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 Summer 1 we will be reading '**The Lost Happy Endings**' and in Summer 2 we will be reading '**Mama Miti**' and '**Varjak Paw**'. We will be writing in a range of genres using the three texts as our inspiration. We will also be exploring some **Caribbean Poetry**. Please continue to hear your child read and encourage them to record their reading daily in their journals. Daily reading is proven to help your child make significant progress in both reading and writing.

### Maths:

This term we will be covering Decimals, Money, Time, Statistics and Geometry including properties of shape and position and direction.

### 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, 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:**

Summer 1 – Looking at States of matter – Investigating the different states of matter- solids, liquids and gases.

Summer 2 – Sound – Investigating sources of sound and how we hear them.

**Humanities:**

Our Summer 1 Humanities topic is ‘Vikings’ where we will be learning about dates on a timeline, comparing historical cultures to modern day and studying artefacts. Our Spring Two topic is ‘We are meteorologists’ where we will be studying weather patterns.

**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.

**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)
- Purple and white summer dresses

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

**Important dates:**

Ruapehu Class Assembly – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Class Photographs – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May (TBC)

Bushcraft – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Parents’ Evenings - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**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 summer term.

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

*Ms Turnbull – Ruapehu Class Teacher*

*Ms Kirton – Teide Class Teacher*

*Ms Williams – Mayon Class Teacher*