

Heathfield Junior School Curriculum Bulletin

Year 5

Autumn 2022-2023

English

This term our English learning will be focused around the texts 'Radiant Child' by Javaka Steptoe and 'Billy the Kid' by Michael Morpurgo. Radiant Child is a richly illustrated biography that tells the story of the life and career of a young, American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. Our second text, 'Billy the Kid', is set during World War Two and follows the ups and downs of a promising footballer during this devastating period in time. IN Autumn 2 we will be focusing on the magnificent non-fiction picture book, *Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill. The book tells the story of Ernest Shackleton's famous expedition to cross Antarctica with quirky drawings and lots of information that always captures the information of children.

Maths

Our learning in maths this term will be on the development and understanding of number and place value. The children will be working with numbers up to 1 million. After that we will be moving on to securing our skills in both addition and subtraction. In Year 5, we have a strong focus on number fluency, reasoning and problem solving throughout each of our maths topics. Each week, the children will be completing an arithmetic test every two weeks (on Tuesday's). Once marked, test paper will go home with the children for them to share their results and work on questions they found tricky. Children should then bring their corrected papers back with them to school on the following Monday to show their teacher.

Times Tables

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 we will continue to use **Times Table Rock Stars**, the 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.

Reading Diary

Reading and books are a huge part of our life at Heathfield and all children will go home every day with a carefully matched reading book for their step level. In Year 5 children are expected to read aloud to an adult or independently daily for about 20-30 minutes every night, including weekends. After they have read, the children need to record the title of the book (once) and comment about what they have read in their reading diary each day. 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?
- Words or phrases they particularly liked or wanted to investigate
- What they predict is going to happen next?

Science

This Autumn in science we will be looking at the topic 'Let's Get Moving' (forces). During this topic, children will have the opportunity to plan and conduct a variety of exciting experiments as well as developing their skills in the following scientific areas: identifying and classifying, observation, pattern seeking, fair testing and research.

Humanities

Our topic in history this term, which will be focused around our visit to Hampton Court Palace, is *The Tudors*. We will be looking at the history of the Tudor monarchy and how it impacted upon British society, finding out about Henry VIII and his many wives, exploring life at Hampton Court Palace and analysing lots of historical sources about the period. As well as the trip to the Palace, year 5 will also participate in a Tudor theatre workshop and a Boundless Dance workshop in the second half-term.

Homework

- Non-core (history/science) and Maths homework will be sent out on alternative weeks.
- All homework will be set on a **Monday** and will be due in on the **Monday** of the following week.
- Spellings (which will begin w/c 26th September) will also be set on a **Monday** and will be due in and tested on **Friday**.

In Year 5, we would expect up to 45mins to be a good estimate of time for the non-core homework and half an hour for the Maths. There will be a homework club run during lunchtimes on various days the week.

PE and Games

PE in hall

Ko Tapu: alternating Monday and Tuesday

Apostle: Wednesday

Needles: Thursday

Durdle: Friday

Year 5 outdoor games day: Monday or Tuesday (alternate weeks)

All children will be expected to have their kit in school all week. For PE they will need a house T-shirt and black shorts. For games they will need appropriate clothing to go outside: tracksuit, sweatshirts 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**)

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Healthy Lunch

Please ensure that your child has a healthy and balanced packed lunch. School lunches can be provided and cost £2.20 per day. A piece of fruit will be provided at playtimes. Also please can you make sure that children come to school with a labelled reusable water bottle.

Other important dates

- Science Specialists from Hampton School running practical science lessons
 - Ko Tapu 23rd and 30th September
 - Apostle 7th and 14th October
 - Durdle 4th and 11th November
 - Needles 18th and 25th November
- Ko Tapu and Apostle class to Hampton Court Palace on 5th October
- Durdle and Needles class to Hampton Court Palace on 6th October
- Parents' Evenings on 10th and 11th October
- A Tudor dance workshop on 2nd November
- A Tudor theatre workshop on 23rd November
- Individual and Sibling Photographs on 24th and 25th November

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.

Mr Shaw – Ko Tapu Class/Year Group Leader

Miss Smart – Apostle Class

Miss Ratynski – Needles Class

Ms Rowlands – Durdle Class