

English

This term in English we will be continuing to read *Asha and the Spirit Bird*, with the main focus of the work being on travel writing. We will learn about the features of travel writing, using the *Lonely Planet Kids Travel Book* as a guide, before having the opportunity to research and write a guide for a country of their own choice. After this exciting unit of work we will be studying Greek Myths. Linking to our study of Ancient Greece in Humanities, we will be reading and writing about famous stories such as Theseus and the Minotaur.

Maths

Our learning in maths this term will be continuing to look closely at the FDP unit, with our focus beginning with decimals then percentages. After that we will be looking at all forms of measurement (which includes lots of practical activities), shape (including angles), and then data handling. Each week, on a Friday, the children will be completing one paper (arithmetic and two reasoning papers) that forms the kinds of tests that they will carry out in Year 6. After every 3 weeks the children will have complete test score that will give them an idea of how well they are doing. Test papers will go home with them on the following Monday to give you the opportunity to celebrate their achievements.

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.



Times Tables Rock Stars is still the best way for children to practise this important area. Please ensure that your child completes at least 10 minutes of times tables online each night.

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. Therefore, in Year 5 children are expected to read aloud to an adult or independently daily for about 30 minutes. 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

We will be completing the Year 5 curriculum by learning about different materials, focusing on thermal insulators, solutions, mixtures and irreversible changes. In Summer 2 we will be learning about the stages of human development in our unit on Growing Up and Growing Old.

Humanities

The whole of the Summer term has been dedicated to history and the study of the Ancient Greek civilisation. The focus of the unit will be on looking at the legacy of the Greeks and discovering how they have influenced the way people live today. Amongst other things, we will be exploring the location, climate, architecture, government, art, culture and developments in medicine of the Ancient Greeks.

Homework

- Maths homework will continue to be sent out each week.
- All homework will be set on a **Monday** and will be due in on the **Friday** of the same week.
- Spellings will also be set on a **Monday** and will be due in and tested on **Friday**.

In Year 5, we would expect about half an hour for the Maths, which will always be practising skills they have been learning in class. There will be a homework club run during lunchtimes on various days of the week.

PE and Games

PE in hall

Basquiat Class: Wednesday

Lichtenstein Class: Friday

Shonibare Class: Monday

Murakami Class: Thursday

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

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)**
- Purple and white Summer dresses

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:

We are all very excited about the Isle of Wight trip that takes place between Monday 25th and Friday 29th April.

Two other exciting enrichment activities linked to the Ancient Greeks to look forward to are:

Wednesday 25th May: Boundless Dance (school hall)

Wednesday 8th June and Thursday 9th June: Theatre Workshop (school hall)

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 another successful term.

Mr Shaw – Basquiat Class/Year Group Leader

Miss Smart – Lichtenstein Class

Miss Ratynski – Shonibare Class

Mrs Wright – Murakami Class