

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 3

Autumn 2020

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 3 children are expected to read aloud to an adult at home **every** day for about 15-20 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 'Gregory Cool' to explore differences in cultures as the story is set in the Caribbean. We will then study 'Fly, Eagle, Fly', which shows the children the importance of determination. Later on we will be studying 'The Girl and the Fox' a short animated film from the Literacy Shed and we will finish the term by reading 'Pugs of the Frozen North' by Philip Reeve.

Maths:

In maths we will be mastering a range of skills within the topics of: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, measure, geometry and fractions.

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 'Moving and Eating' during Autumn 1 then 'Marvellous Magnets' 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 Stone Age' and in Autumn 2 the children will practise their geographical skills related to different locations and places.

Homework:English and Maths homework

Reading and Maths homework will be sent out on alternative weeks.

They will be set on a Thursday to be returned the following Monday.

Spellings

Spelling homework will be set every Monday and should be returned on the Friday.

The children will also have a spelling test on the Friday using the words the children were set at the beginning of the week.

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. Their first T-shirt will be provided by the school.

Swordfish – PE lessons are on Mondays and Wednesdays/Fridays

Lionfish – PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Wednesday/Fridays

Stingray – PE lessons are on Wednesdays and Fridays

Mandarinfish – PE lessons are on Thursdays and Wednesdays/Fridays

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)
- Boys – black or grey tailored trousers
- Girls – black or grey tailored trousers/skirt (no leggings)

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Dates for the Diary:

- Stone Age Workshop with Portals to the Past – Thursday 1st October. A letter with more details will follow shortly.
- Parents' Evenings will be held week beginning 12th October.

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:

info@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk

We look forward to a successful year.

Mrs Homer – Year Group Leader

Miss Callender/Miss Ginman – Swordfish Class

Mr Shaw – Lionfish Class

Miss Thompson – Stingray Class

Miss Langer-Fernández – Mandarinfish Class