

# Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 3

Spring 2020

Happy New Year!

## **English:**

This term in English we will begin by studying poetry. We will be looking at a book called 'Werewolf Club Rules' by Joseph Coelho followed by a picture book called 'Pebble in my pocket' by Meredith Hooper. The book is a fascinating history of the earth and takes readers on a scientific adventure through time and across the globe, all by following the trail of a single pebble over millions of years. In the second half of the term we will be linking our texts to global issues using two texts; 'There's a Rang-tan in my bedroom' by James Sellick and 'The tin forest' by Helen Ward. Both texts address issues related to how we should be taking care of the world we live in.

## **Maths:**

In maths we will be mastering a range of skills within the topics of: multiplication, division, measure, statistics and fractions. Please continue to work with your child on learning their times tables. It is expected that all children should learn all times tables up to 12x12 as this is extremely important as it supports their learning in a range of mathematical areas.

## **Science:**

This term we will be studying 'Rocks and Soils'. In both terms we will be improving our scientific knowledge of the topic and improve our investigative skills through a range of practical experiments and experiences.

## **Humanities:**

For the first half of the term we will continue with our topic on The Ancient Egyptians. Then for the second half our topic will be 'Fairtrade' where we will be going to the local high street to see the variety of Fairtrade products sold in our local supermarkets. More details to follow.

## **Homework:**

### Reading Journal

Your child should bring home a reading book and red reading journal to be signed each day. Please use this for any messages. Each class has one visit to the school library each week but the library is open every day after school for the children to change their books independently. We would also like to remind you of the importance of reading with your child at home EVERY NIGHT and completing their red reading journal. This record will be looked at and signed by your child's class teacher every day. We have introduced reading support where if your child has not completed their journal then they will be asked to stay in and read during break or lunchtime.

### English and Maths homework

Reading and Maths homework will be sent out 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. Please support child with learning the spellings and exploring ways in which they can use them.

## **PE:**

Please ensure that your child has full PE kit in school every day. This includes black shorts or jogging bottoms, T-shirt in team colours and trainers. Children may also have plain tracksuit bottoms and a plain hoodie for when we do outside games.

**All year three classes will have a swimming lesson on a Monday and outdoor games lesson on Friday. More details to follow regarding swimming lessons.**

## **Dates for the Diary:**

w/b Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Science Week

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Swimming starts

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 4-7pm – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 5-7pm – Parents' Evening

We will also be having an Egyptian afternoon in Spring 1 & trips to the local high street. Dates will be confirmed shortly.

## **How to Contact Us:**

We are always happy to see you and discuss any queries or concerns you may have, but please be aware that we need to go in with our class as soon as the bell has rung in the morning at 8.55am. If you need to make an appointment at any time please contact the school office or see us after school. Thank you.

Thank you for the support you have given so far and we look forward to another successful term.

Mrs Chaudry – Orangutan Class and Year Group Leader

Miss Thomson – Snow Leopard Class

Mrs Neville & Mrs Callendar – Blue Whale Class

Mrs Langer – Fernandez – Siberian Tiger Class