

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 4

Spring 2020

Welcome back, we hope you all had a pleasant and relaxing holiday.

Humanities - Our Spring One Humanities topic is 'Anglo Saxons' and our Spring Two topic is 'Farming and Food'. We will be visiting Whitton where children will be comparing the differences between Anglo Saxon villages and our local area today. This will take place during the week of **27th January 2020**. If you would like to help with this trip please let your child's class teacher know.

In March we will have 10 fertilised eggs delivered to each class. Over two weeks we will watch the eggs hatch and see the ducks grow. It will be very exciting!

English - Our first unit of work will be based on stories from 'Tales told in Tents'. These stories are all from Central Asia; we will be finding out about the cultures of countries in this region. This unit will incorporate lots of drama and reading activities before we write our own stories based on those we have read.

Please continue to hear your child read and encourage them to read and 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 multiplication and division, area and fractions and decimals. This includes: recognising families of equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, recognising and writing decimal equivalents and rounding and ordering decimals.

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. It is great to see so many children wearing their times tables badges around the school with pride!

Science –

Spring 1 – Electricity – Power up - Building circuits, investigating conductivity of different materials and making switches.

Spring 2 – Looking at States – Investigating the different states of matter- solids, liquids and gases.

Music - This term Year 4 will learn the guitar in their class groups. The lessons are free and are organised by the Richmond Music Trust. They are designed to give the children a 'taster' of what it is like to learn a musical instrument. Children will be able to continue learning after Easter for a small cost.

Homework - Homework will continue to be set on Thursdays, to be returned by Monday. Children should spend approximately 40 minutes on their homework.

Spellings will continue to be set on Monday and should be returned by Thursday. Spelling tests will be on Fridays.

School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. This includes wearing suitable **black** shoes or boots, not trainers. Your child should also have full PE kit in school every day. This includes black or navy shorts, their house T-shirt and trainers.

Important dates

W/C Monday 20th January- Science Week

Wednesday 22nd January – Year 4 guitar lessons start

W/C Monday 27th January – Visits to Whitton High Street- Dates for each class to be confirmed.

Tuesday 28th January – Cheetah Class and Caracal Class to Gurdwara

Monday 3rd February – Last swimming session

Tuesday 4th February – Panther Class to Tate Britain

Wednesday 5th February – Lynx Class to Tate Britain

Thursday 6th February – Caracal Class to Tate Britain

Friday 7th February – Cheetah Class to Tate Britain

Monday 10th February – Parents Evening 4-7pm

Tuesday 11th February – Panther Class and Lynx Class to Gurdwara

Wednesday 12th February – Parents Evening 5-7pm

Friday 14th February – Panther Class assembly

Monday 2nd March – Duck Eggs arriving

The Year 4 Team