

English

This term our English learning will be focused around the texts 'Radiant Child' by Javaka Steptoe, 'Billy the Kid' by Michael Morpurgo and 'Asha and the Spirit Bird' by Jasbinda Bilan. 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. The children will have opportunities to further develop their reading, use of vocabulary and writing skills.

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. After a few weeks, the children will be completing an arithmetic test on **Friday** each week where they will be able to take their test home and re-visit questions.

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, the school has become a member of 'Times Tables 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.

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 20-30 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

This Autumn in science we will be looking at the topics 'Out of this World' (Space) and 'Let's Get Moving' (Forces). During these topics, children will have the opportunity to plan and conduct a variety of experiments as well as developing their skills in the following scientific areas: identifying and classifying, observation, pattern seeking, fair testing and research. During our space topic we will be visited by a touring planetarium.

Humanities

Our topic in history this term is the Tudors. We will be looking at the history of the Tudor monarchy, finding out about Henry VIII and his many wives and investigating why the River Thames was such an important part of the Tudor period. Year 5 will participate in a virtual Archives workshop where they will get to explore artefacts from the Tudor times. Later in the term, they will have the opportunity to explore music and dance from the Tudor times and take part in a Tudor themed day.

Homework

- English and Maths homework will be sent out on alternative weeks in the first half term.
- Maths homework will be set on a **Monday** and will be due in on the **Friday** of the same week.
- English homework will be set on a **Monday** and will be due in on the **Friday** of the same week.
- Spellings will be set on a **Friday** and will be due in and tested on the following **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.

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

PE/Games

Sunlit Class: Friday

Twilight Class: Tuesday

Midnight Class: Wednesday

Abyss 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.

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.

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 Spark Workshops – 21.9 & 28.9 (Midnight), 5.10 & 12.10 (Abyss), 19.10 & 2.11 (Twilight) and 9.11 & 16.11 (Sunlit)

Archives (virtual workshop) - 6.10 (Midnight), 7.10 (Sunlit), 14.10 (Twilight) and 20.10 (Abyss)

Parents' Evenings – WC 12th October

Planetarium – Wednesday 21st October

Tudor Day – Friday 13th November

Tudor Dance Workshop – Thursday 10th December

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.

Ms Rowlands – Sunlit Class/Year Group Leader

Miss Cowderoy – Twilight Class

Miss Wood – Midnight Class

Mr Donnelly – Abyss Class