

Heathfield Junior School Curriculum Bulletin

Year 5

Spring 2023-2024

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 house points, which are recorded in their reading diary.

English

This term in English we will be looking at a range of diverse and engaging texts. We will look at two very different poems: *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes and *The Undeclared* by Kwame Alexander. The Undeclared is a particularly powerful and inspiring picture book/poem that will see the children write biographies of significant personalities in US and UK Black History. In Spring 2 we will be studying the magnificent novel *Asha and the Spirit Bird* by Jasbinder Bilan. This award winning novel, which is set India, will engage the children with the adventurous journey of a determined girl to travel across the Himalayas to find her father.

Maths

Our learning in maths this term will begin with fractions where we will be focussing on adding, subtracting and multiplying mixed numbers, finding a fraction of an amount, and converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. We will then explore decimals and percentages. Just like in the first term, every two weeks, the children will be completing an arithmetic test on a **Friday**. Test papers will go home with them over the weekend for them to share their results and work on questions they found tricky.

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 we will continue to use **Times Table Rock Stars**, the 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 and all children will go home every day with a carefully matched reading book for their step level. In Year 5 children are expected to read aloud to an adult or independently daily for about 20 minutes every night, including weekends. 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 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 learning about space and the solar system in our topic **Out of this World** during the first half-term before moving on to learn about materials and their properties in the topic **Material World** after half-term.

Humanities

The whole of the Spring term has been dedicated to the study of geography. In the first half-term we will be building on the work done in Year 4 by exploring the many different features shown on maps while looking at more detailed information such as land use patterns. In Spring 2 we will look at how human and physical geography have a combined impact upon coasts. This topic will have strong links with the fieldwork that we will be carrying out during our Isle of Wight trip.

Homework

- Non-core and Maths homework will continue to be sent out on alternative weeks.
- All homework will be set on a **Monday** and will be due in on the **Monday** of the following week.
- Spellings will be set on a **Friday** and will be due in and tested on **Thursday**.

PE and Games

PE in hall

Monday - Mardini

Tuesday - Redfern

Thursday - Freeman

Friday - Farah

Year 5 outdoor games days: Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

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 or tights
- Black shoes (**no boots or sandals**)
- Black or grey tailored trousers or skirt (**no leggings**)

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Important dates

Thursday 1st February – Farah Class assembly

Thursday 22nd February – Planetarium workshop in school

Thursday 29th February – Mardini Class assembly

Wednesday 6th March – Visit to the local Mosque

Week commencing 25th March – Bikeability training starts. More information to follow.

We are all very excited about the Isle of Wight trip that takes place between Monday 29th April and Friday 3rd May.

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 a successful year.

Mrs Kurdi – Farah Class – Year 5 Group Leader

Miss Smart – Freeman Class

Mrs Tarin – Mardini Class

Mrs Scott – Redfern Class