

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 4

Spring 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

In Spring 1 we will be reading The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane and in Spring 2 we will be reading Charlotte's Web. We will be writing in a range of genres such as persuasive writing, retelling a story and diary entries using the two texts as our inspiration.

Maths

In Spring we will be covering 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. We will also work on area and perimeter. Just like in the first term the children will be completing an arithmetic test on a **Friday**.

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 the summer term. This is extremely important as it supports their learning in a range of mathematical areas, including fractions. Thank you for your continued support. The children have already started to work their way to becoming 'Multiplication Masters' in school.



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.

Reading Diary

Reading and books are a huge part of our life at Heathfield. Therefore, in Year 4 children are expected to read aloud to an adult at home **every** day for 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?



Science

Living things – identifying and classifying living things and learning about food chains and webs.

Humanities

Our Spring One Humanities topic is 'Anglo Saxons' where we will be learning about dates on a timeline, comparing historical cultures to modern day and studying artefacts. Our Spring Two topic is 'Food and Farming' where we will be learning about farming around the world and where our food comes from.

Homework

Topic and Maths homework

Topic and Maths homework will be sent out on alternative weeks.
They will be set on a Tuesday to be returned on the following Tuesday.

Spellings

Spelling homework will be set every Friday and should be returned on the following Friday.
The children will also have a spelling test on a Friday where they will be asked to apply the taught spelling rule to an unseen set of words.

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.

Swimming

Year 4 will continue with their swimming lessons on Monday 15th January and their final lesson will be on Monday 5th February.

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 18th January – Ruby Tui Class Assembly

Monday 5th February – Parents' Evening

Tuesday 6th February – Parents' Evening

Monday 4th March – Duckling hatching kits arrive

Date to be confirmed (Spring 2) – Buddhist Visitor in school

Wednesday 27th March – Visit Turing House to watch their production of Shrek the Musical

Monday 20th May – Bushcraft Trip

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 Hill – Year Group Leader and Storey Class Teacher

Ms Turnbull – Ruby Tui Class Teacher

Mr Donnelly – Ainslie Class Teacher