

## Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 6

Autumn 2023

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.

### **Homework:**

- Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be due in on the Friday of the same week.
- During the first half-term, non-core homework will be set once a fortnight on a Monday and will be due in on the following Monday. Once the children are in the routine of completing more homework, the non-core tasks will be set every week.
- Spellings will be set on a Friday and will be due in and tested on the following Friday.
- Reading journals will be checked by the class teacher every day. We expect your child to read at home for at least 30 minutes per day. Please sign your child's journal every day and make a comment on their reading. You may also put messages for your child's teacher in the journal if you wish.

There will be a homework club run during lunchtimes on various days of the week.

### **Curriculum:**

We will be reading 'Clockwork' in English, an engaging and playful short novel by the award winning author, Philip Pullman. We will also be reading Rose Blanche, a picture book with WW2 themes, as well as Walter Tull's Scrapbook which will focus on non-narrative writing techniques.

In maths we will begin with place value, move onto written methods for the four operations and then focus on fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science this half term is based upon adaptation, habitats, followed by the Staying Alive unit revising previous learning about humans and animals.

Our humanities topic in Autumn 1 is the Maya Civilization. We will be looking at hierarchy, religion, daily life and their rise and decline. Then in Autumn 2 we move onto World War 2. We will be looking at how the war affected children's lives and aspects linked to leaders, home life, power and monarchy.

You will also receive a Humanities, Art, PSHE and Science Knowledge Organiser through parenthub, which will outline the content and key vocabulary that children will be learning this term in each of these subjects.

We have various trips and visits planned this half term – see dates for the diary below. Letters will be sent in due course.

### **Walking Home Alone/Mobile Phones:**

We understand that some parents will wish for their Year 6 child to walk home alone. A letter was sent regarding this at the end of the Year 5. Please can any further permission slips be returned as soon as possible and no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. You might also wish for your child to have a mobile phone when walking to school. We ask that children turn off their phone and give it to their teacher to look after when entering school.

### **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
- Black or grey tailored trousers or skirt ([no leggings](#))

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

**PE/Games:**

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.

**Autumn Term dates for the diary:**

Year 6 Welcome meeting including information regarding school admissions and PGL – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9am and 5pm

Junior Citizen Trip, Twickenham – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September (2 classes morning and 2 classes afternoon)

Mayan Dance workshop in school – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Parents Evenings – 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> October

Mayan Workshop in school – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Bushy Park Science Trip – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Train Safety workshop in school – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Secondary School Applications Close 31<sup>st</sup> October - Please visit <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> and fill in the online form with your secondary school choices. The user name and password should be the same as the one you used when moving from the infant to the junior school.

Synagogue – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**Other important dates for the diary:**

PGL Osmington Bay Trip - 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March

SATs Week – 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**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](mailto:office@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk)

We look forward to a successful year.

**Kind regards**

**The Year 6 Team**

Mr Shaw – Hassan Class/Year Group Leader

Mrs Mullen – Taylor-Brown Class

Miss Rowlands – Dujardin Class

Mrs Ginman/Mrs Wright – Steadman Class