

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Grand Canyon - Hub

Summer 2023

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. All Heathfield pupils are placed into one of 4 houses- red, yellow, blue or green- when they join the school. All Grand Canyon Class children are in blue house.

Reading Diary

Reading and books are a huge part of our life at Heathfield. Therefore, all 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?



Curriculum - please note that if your child is attending their mainstream class for subjects, you will find their year group curriculum bulletin on our school website, as the topics being studied may be different.

English

This term in English we will focus our writing skills on writing from different characters perspectives focusing on the powerful non-fiction narrative The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman which tells a charming and adventurous story of a girl called Lila who goes on a perilous journey. We will then read Moth: An Evolution Story by Isabel Thomas. We will finish the year with a selection of poetry and creative writing.

Maths

In Summer 1 we will be learning about Measure (mass and capacity) and Money. We will then move on to work on Time, another practical area of maths where the more children discuss telling the time at home, the more confident they will be in class. The final topics in Summer 2 will be) Shape (2D and 3D) and Statistics.

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. Thank you for your continued support.



Science

Our first topic in the summer term will be 'How does my garden grow.' This engaging topic about plants is always a big hit with children who are interested in nature and growing things. In summer 2 we will be learning about mirrors and lights in the topic, 'Mirror, mirror.'

Computing

We begin the Summer term with the topic 'Creating Media' where the children learn to create a book trailer. In Summer two we move onto 'Data Handling' learning how to creating a graph on Google Sheets, naming different types of charts and explaining the purpose of visual representations of data.

SEMH Provision curriculum – Nurture

'What is Nurture?' The remainder of this term will be spent learning about how to nurture ourselves, family members, animals and plants.

Occupational therapy Sessions

OT will be taking place every Wednesday until the end of the Summer Term. Please make sure your child is in school by 8.25am every Wednesday.

PSHE

Safety and The Changing Body – Within this topic we will be covering emergencies, basic first aid, communicating safely online and cyberbullying. We will then move on to making the right choices and good/bad influences in decision-making.

Homework

Spellings will be set on Mondays and should be returned daily. Spelling tests will be on a Friday. English and maths homework will be set on alternate weeks. **If your child is attending mainstream English and maths lesson, the homework will be set by their teacher on the days specified in their year group bulletin.**

School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. This includes wearing suitable **black** shoes with no logos. 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

Please also see your child's year group bulletin for year group specific key dates.

- Class Photographs – Thursday 18th May (TBC)
- Hub class trip – Thursday 29th June (TBC)
- Parents' Evenings – Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July

How to contact us

We are always happy to discuss any queries or concerns you may have.

If you need to make a general enquiry please contact the school office via telephone 020 8894 3525 or message via the Hub phone.

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