

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 3

Summer 2023

Reading Diary:

Reading and books are a huge part of our life at Heathfield. Therefore, in Year 3 children are expected to read aloud to an adult at home **every** day for about 15-20 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?



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*.

Please continue to work with your child on learning their times tables every day. We recommend 20 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars every day. It is really important that every child knows most of their tables by the end of year 3 and are increasing the speed at which they can recall them.

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.*'

Humanities:

In Summer 1, we will be studying our Geography topic *Fairtrade*. In Summer 2, we will return to history and learn about the *Iron Age* which builds on the children's skills and knowledge from both our *Stone Age* and *Egyptian* topics earlier in the year.

A knowledge organiser will be published so that you can see an outline of the knowledge and skills your child will be taught in these topics. Please have a look at this with your child and ask them what they have been doing in school.

Homework:

Non-core/science and Maths homework

Non-core and Maths homework will continue to be sent out on alternative weeks.

They will be set on a Monday to be returned on the following Monday.

Spellings

Spelling homework will be set every Monday and should be returned on the Friday.

The children will continue to have a spelling test on the Friday using the words the children were set at the beginning of the week.

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. Their first T-shirt will be provided by the school.

Kilimanjaro – PE lessons are on Wednesdays and Fridays

Emin – PE lessons are on Wednesdays and Fridays

Meru – PE lessons are on Mondays and Fridays

Swimming lessons will take place each Thursday at Hanworth Swimming Pool. Please ensure your child brings their swimming costume/trunks, a towel and swim hat to school each Thursday in a separate named bag. Goggles can be worn but are optional.

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
- White/purple polo shirt
- White, black or grey socks
- Black shoes (**no boots or sandals**)
- Black or grey tailored trousers/skirt (**no leggings**)
- Purple and white summer dresses

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Dates for the Diary:

- Emin Class Assembly – Tuesday 16th May
- Class Photographs – Thursday 18th May (TBC)
- Meru Class Assembly – Wednesday 14th June
- Parents' Evenings – Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July

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.

Miss Cowderoy – Year Group Leader – Kilimanjaro Class

Mrs Callender – Emin Class

Mrs Tarin – Meru Class