

Heathfield Junior School - Curriculum Bulletin

Year 5

Summer 2023

English

This term in English we will be continuing our study the magnificent novel Aisha 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. After this exciting unit of work we will be studying Greek Myths. Linking to our study of Ancient Greece in Humanities, we will be reading and writing about famous stories such as Theseus and the Minotaur and the adventures of Odysseus.

Maths

Our learning in maths this term will begin by learning about decimals and percentages to finish off the large FDP unit, After that we will be looking at the following topics:

Shape: properties of 2D and 3D shapes, angles and position/direction

Converting units of measurement : length, mass, volume

Area and Perimeter of shapes

Statistics: understanding charts, tables and graphs

Children will continue to have arithmetic tests every two weeks and a short assessment at the end of each unit. There will also be an end of year assessment that covers the whole of the year 5 curriculum and prepares them for year 6.

Reading Diary

Reading and books are a huge part of our life at Heathfield. Therefore, in Year 5 children are expected to read aloud to an adult or independently daily for about 30 minutes. After they have read, the children need to record the title of the book (once) 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 completing the year 5 curriculum by learning about different materials, focusing on thermal insulators, solutions, mixtures and irreversible changes. We will then move on to learning about the life cycle of living things before finishing by studying human development in our unit on 'Growing Up and Growing Old.'

Humanities

While we will finish off our geography unit with the fieldwork on coasts at the Isle of Wight, the rest of the Summer term is dedicated to history and the study of the Ancient Greek civilisation. The focus of the unit will be on looking at the legacy of the Greeks and discovering how they have influenced the way people live today. Amongst other things, we will be exploring the location, myths, architecture, government, art, sport and thinkers of Ancient Greece. The children's enjoyment of the topic will also be enhanced by two dance and theatre workshops.

Homework

- One piece of homework every week – either maths or non-core (history, art, science or computing)
- All homework will be set on a **Monday** and will be due in on the **Monday** of the following week.
- Spellings will also be set on a **Monday** and will be due in and tested on **Friday**.

In Year 5, we would expect about half an hour for each piece of homework, which will always be practising skills or revisiting knowledge they have been learning in class. There will be a homework club run during lunchtimes on various days the week.

PE and Games

Year 5 outdoor games day: Monday or Tuesday (alternate weeks)

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, cardigan or fleece (though often not needed as days become warmer)
- 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

Also ensure that children have a hat and cooler clothing as the weather becomes warmer

Healthy Lunch

Please ensure that your child has a healthy and balanced packed lunch. School lunches can be provided and cost £2.40 per day. A piece of fruit will be provided at playtimes. Also please can you make sure that children come to school with a labelled reusable water bottle.

Other important dates

We are all very excited about the Isle of Wight trip that takes place between Monday 24th and Friday 28th April. Children not going to the Isle of Wight have a trip to Marble Hill on Wednesday 26th April

Bikeability training also takes place in the Summer term:

w/c 15th May – Ko Tapu (morning) and half of Durdle (afternoon)

w/c/ 22nd May – Needles (morning) and half of Durdle (afternoon)

w/c 5th June – Apostle (morning)

Children will need a bike that is in good condition and a helmet to take part. If you need any help with the condition of the bike or have any other questions about Bikeability training then please contact a member of the Year 5 team.

Two other exciting enrichment activities linked to the Ancient Greeks to look forward to are:

Thursday 15^h June: Boundless Dance (school hall)

Wednesday 5th July and Thursday 6th July: Theatre Workshop (school hall)

Class Photographs – Thursday 18th May (TBC)

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.

Mr Shaw – Ko Tapu Class and Year Group Leader

Ms Rowlands – Durdle Class

Miss Smart – Apostle Class

Miss Ratynski – Needles Class