

Heathfield Junior School Curriculum Bulletin

Bolt Class - Hub

Summer 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

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*. Just like in the first two terms, the children will be completing an arithmetic test on a **Friday**. Test papers will go home with them on Monday for them to share their results and work on questions they found tricky.

Times Tables

Please continue to work with your child on learning their times tables. This is extremely important as it supports their learning in a range of mathematical areas.



In order to help your children learn their times tables we will continue to use **Times Table Rock Stars**, the 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 and all children will go home every day with a carefully matched reading book for their step level. Children are expected to read aloud to an adult for about 15 - 20 minutes every night, including weekends. 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 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?

Nurture Provision

This term includes groups involving some aspects of social thinking and self-advocacy as well as preparing ourselves for secondary school.

Therapies

Occupational Therapy – OT will remain fortnightly on Thursdays beginning 25th April and will include gross and fine motor sessions designed to improve their core strength, balance, coordination and improve their handwriting. They will also continue to develop emotional regulation skills by creating more precise tool boxes to help when they are feeling over stimulated or overwhelmed. Laura Harrison will remain as our therapist.

Art Therapy – AT will remain fortnightly on Tuesdays starting 23rd April, and will include group and individual sessions. Sara Mukungu will remain as our therapist.

Homework: If your child is attending mainstream English and maths lessons, the homework will be set by their teacher on the days specified in their year group bulletin.

- Maths homework will continue to be sent out on alternative weeks.
- All homework will be set on a **Monday** and will be due in on the **Monday** of the following week.
- Spellings will be set on a **Monday** and will be due in and tested on **Friday**.

PE and 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.

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 (**no boots or sandals**)
- Black or grey tailored trousers or skirt (**no leggings**)

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Important Dates

- Class photos – Friday 17th May
- Year 4 Bushcraft Trip – Monday 20th May
- Junior Sports Day – Friday 5th July

Year 5 important dates:

Week commencing 22nd April – Bikeability training for Farah Class

Wednesday 1st May - Friday 3rd May – Farah Class and Mardini Class to Isle of Wight

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June – Greek theatre workshops

Tuesday 25th June – Ancient Greeks dance workshop

Year 6 important dates:

KS2 SATs Week – 13th – 17th May

Please do not book appointments during this week.

More details to follow.

Magistrates visit – Tuesday 21st May

Boundless Dance – Wednesday 22nd May

Cinema Trip – Thursday 24th May

Boundless Dance – Wednesday 26th June

All change day visit to new school – Monday 1st or Tuesday 2nd July (Richmond & Hounslow schools)

Year 6 Surprise Treat – Thursday 4th July

Parents afternoon/evening to collect SATs results – Tuesday 9th July (2-7pm)

Y6 Production: will be performed on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th July at 7pm

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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