

Heathfield Junior School Curriculum Bulletin

Year 5

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 be reading *Asha and the Spirit Bird* by Jasbinder Bilan. This award-winning novel, which is set in 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. 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 weekly arithmetic tests 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.

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. In Year 5 children are expected to read aloud to an adult or independently daily for about 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?

Science

This term we will be learning about the life cycle of living things before studying human development in our unit on 'Growing Up and Growing Old.'

Humanities

We will finish off our geography unit with 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

- Non-core and 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 **Friday** and will be due in and tested on **Thursday**.

PE and Games

PE in hall

Monday – Mardini

Tuesday – Farah

Thursday – Freeman

Friday – Redfern

Year 5 outdoor games days: Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

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**)
- Or a summer dress

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Important Dates

Week commencing 22nd April – Bikeability training for Farah Class

Monday 29th April – Wednesday 1st May – Redfern Class and Freeman Class to Isle of Wight

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

Friday 17th May – Class photos

Thursday 23rd May – Redfern Class assembly

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

Tuesday 25th June – Ancient Greeks dance workshop

Friday 5th July – Junior Sports Day

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 term.

Mrs Kurdi – Farah Class – Year 5 Group Leader

Miss Smart – Freeman Class

Mrs Tarin – Mardini Class

Mrs Scott – Redfern Class