



Heathcoat Primary School

Year 3 and 4 Autumn Term Newsletter September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome all of the children back to school. We hope that you have all had a really relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. Here are the exciting new topics that the children will be exploring in Year 3 and 4 this term.

Autumn Term 2024		
Subject		
English	<p>An Anthology of Intriguing Animals (Non-Fiction) The children will write an information text about an animal.</p>	<p>Outdoor Wonderland (Non-fiction) The children will write a set of instructions.</p>
	<p>The Disgusting Sandwich (Fiction) The children will write their own story based on the structure of the text.</p>	<p>Padding Goes to Town (Fiction) The children will write a story about Paddington Bear.</p>
Mathematics	<p>Addition and Subtraction The children will learn to use their number bonds to add and subtract efficiently across ten.</p>	<p>Numbers to 10,000 The children will develop their understanding of place value, adding and subtracting numbers to 10,000.</p>
	<p>Numbers to 1000 The children will develop their understanding of place value, adding and subtracting numbers to 1000.</p>	
Science	<p>Light The children will learn what light is, how we see and how shadows are formed.</p>	<p>Rocks The children will learn how to compare and group different types of rocks. They will also learn how fossils are formed.</p>
PE	<p>Real PE The children will develop and apply their footwork and one leg balance.</p>	<p>Real PE The children will develop and apply their jumping, landing and seated balance.</p>
	<p>Real Gym The children will learn, develop and apply travel and rotation on the floor.</p>	



Computing	Collaborative Learning The children will learn how to work on a collaborative document.	Further Coding with Scratch The children will create a simple script in Scratch.
DT		Cooking The children will learn how to cook with seasonal produce.
Geography	Earthquakes and Volcanoes The children will learn how earthquakes occur and where they occur in the world. They will also learn how volcanoes are formed.	
History		Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age The children will learn about the changes that occurred in Britain between the Stone Age and the Iron Age.
French	Language Angels – Phonetics and I’m Learning French The children will learn to say their name in French, how to say the colours and the numbers one to ten.	
Music	Sing Like a Viking The children will develop their singing technique by learning to sing as a class. They will begin to read simple music notation.	
Art		
RE	What do Christians learn from the Creation Story? The children will learn the Christian creation story.	What is it like for someone to follow God? The children will learn about the story of Noah and how it guides Christians’ lives today.
PSHE	Being me in my world The children will identify goals for this year and understand their rights and responsibilities. They will learn that they make choices about their own behaviour because they understand how rewards and consequences feel.	Celebrating difference The children will learn of family diversity and how to resolve conflict. They will learn to understand how rumour-spreading and name-calling can be bullying behaviours.

Dates for your diary:	Half Term: 28 th October to 1 st November Parents in for Reading Tuesday 1 st October Year 4 Blundell’s Trip Thursday 3 rd October	End of Term: 20 th December Children in Need Friday 15 th November Scholastic Book Fair w/c Monday 25 th November
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	School Photo Day (individual/sibling photos) Monday 7 th October Parents' Evenings Monday 21 st and Wednesday 23 rd October	School Christmas Fayre Friday 6 th December
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READING: It is really important that children read.

Here are 3 example questions that you could ask about their reading:

- **Tell me about what you have just read (summarise).** Can they clearly explain to you what has just happened?
- **What do you think is going to happen next? Why? Explain why you think this.** A good example of an answer would be: I think the main character will go back to the bike track because he was so excited last time, and even though he fell off, he wants to race because he said "I wish I could race my bike like those fast kids". (The child is using what they have read, including quotes, to explain their ideas – even if they are not right about what happens next. They are showing a good guess based on what they have read).
- **Which words do you not understand?** Ask them to try to work out what the word means from the rest of the sentence. Then look up the word on a computer/tablet or in a dictionary.

Children are able to quiz on **Accelerated Reader** from home, following this link: [Welcome \(renaissance-go.com\)](http://Welcome(renaissance-go.com))

HOMEWORK:

We would like children to focus on the key learning of reading and maths for homework each week.

By hearing your child read and discussing the story with them, you will really be helping to develop their fluency and comprehension skills.

By noticing maths in everyday life, you will help your child to understand the importance of maths as well as develop their confidence and skills.

By practising their times tables through games and play they will develop speed, fluency and accuracy in recall which will feed into every maths lesson.

TT Rockstars can be accessed following this link: <https://trockstars.com/>

If your child wishes to do some home learning activities, here are some useful websites to support this.

We are always delighted to see work that the children have completed at home which links to our Maths/English or topic learning at school.

Useful websites:

Topmarks	fun maths games	https://www.topmarks.co.uk/
Scratch	a fun coding ICT site where children can create their own animations	https://scratch.mit.edu/
Spooky Spellings	Spellings from Years 3,4,5 and 6	https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/spookySpellings
BBC Bitesize	Learning resources for all subjects for all ages	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary

You can help your child at home by using the above websites and encouraging them to learn through play.

TeamWork Respect Aim High Independence Never Give Up



If you aren't a member already, the local library in town is free to join and is a great place to visit with your children so they can do research or borrow books to read at home.

PE: Our PE days are **Monday** and **Friday**. Children should come to school wearing their school PE kit on these days. This includes a white PE shirt or t-shirt in their house colour, plus their school jumper. They must wear sensible trainers. Earrings must be removed or covered with tape (provided by parents/carers) for safety.

Outside learning: Please remember that children will often be going outside to learn. They will need waterproof coats in school each day - as you know our English weather can be unpredictable!

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to email us if you require any further guidance. We now have a year group email: **year3and4@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk** This will be checked on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you need to get an important message to us urgently, please contact the office on 01884 252445 or email them on admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

We are looking forward to a really exciting term of learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Pitt, Mr Payne, Mrs Kinver and Miss Pearson (Year 3 and 4 Class Teachers)

Mrs Sullivan (Assistant Head of School and Key Stage 2 Leader)