

Reception Spring Newsletter

Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a lovely break with some well-earned rest and time spent with friends and family. We have lots of fun learning opportunities planned this term and are excited to build on what we have already learned so far. Please keep practicing your sounds and using these to read words at home and, as always, if you have any questions or queries, we are always here to help.

Mrs Delves and Mrs Johnson.

English



This term we will be focussing on reading words and simple captions using our sound knowledge to help us. We will read words with 'special friends' (digraphs), use 'Fred in our head' to read words and begin to read many words speedily. We will learn new 'special friends' (digraphs) and be able to read words with these in them.

We will listen to a range of stories in class and will enjoy talking about these. We will be able to retell them in our own words using phrases from the story and enjoy making predictions about what we think might happen next.

There will be many opportunities for us to write in class. We will write simple phrases independently using our sounds to help us to spell words and will also be able to spell some words correctly. We will also be learning to write our first and second names forming our letters correctly.

Maths

In maths, we will know the composition of numbers (how they are made) to 10 and know number bonds to 5 as well as some number bonds to 10. We will be able to say how many objects are in set to 5 without needing to count them and be able to share sets equally. We will confidently use the language of more and fewer to compare sets and know what is one more / less than a given number. We will continue to talk about what we can see and notice, recognise and create patterns, and use a wider range of mathematical vocabulary.



During our work on shape, we will be able to name 2D and 3D shapes and talk about their basic properties. We will also know and use the language related to time and capacity.

Curriculum Theme

This term, the theme for Reception is 'Growing and Changing.' We will be looking at how we have changed, observing the changes of the seasons, and looking at differences between animals. We will enjoy planting seeds and watching them grow, learning about baby animals and visiting Attwell Farm.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this term, we will be learning to understand and talk about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. We will know that we are all unique, special, and important and we will begin to show that we can be resilient and persevere.

Understanding the World

We will look at the changes in the seasons and observe and discuss the changes we can see in our environment. We will look at animal habitats and sort and categories animals into where they live. During winter, we will explore freezing and melting and look at animals' life cycles during the spring. We will think about how we have changed since we were babies and show concern for living things.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will enjoy painting and drawing pictures of different animals with increased accuracy and detail and creating winter and spring pictures and collages. We will enjoy telling our own stories, making puppets and learning to sing a range of different songs.

Useful websites

www.hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

www.ruthmiskin.com

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks

Important Dates for this term

Reception will be visiting Attwell Farm on Thursday 26th March.

Final Notices!

PE day is on **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on this day. Earrings are to be removed or not to be worn on PE days and long hair needs to be tied back.

Homework – Please make sure that the children read each week and watch the phonics videos that are sent home.

If you have any queries, concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Please phone the school office or email: enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

I hope that this year will continue to be exciting, enriching and rewarding for everybody in Reception and I very much hope that you will join us in helping to make this happen.

Best wishes and thank you in anticipation for your continued support,

Mrs Delves and Mrs Johnson