

## Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome back!

We would like to welcome Year 3 back to school and hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. We are all very excited for this term and all the learning opportunities ahead of us.

### English



In our English lessons, we will be reading the story of 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx', about a young girl who is afraid of the dark but goes on a dangerous quest in Egypt to rescue her father and conquer her fears. We will be using this story to write our own quest narratives.

In our reading lessons we will be using The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo. This retells the traditional tale of Cinderella but in Ancient Egypt.

After half term, we will be reading Roald Dahl's classic Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Charlie Bucket finds one of five golden tickets to tour the magical, mysterious chocolate factory of the eccentric Willy Wonka.

The children's library day will be on a Friday. Please ensure that your child is reading at home and that reading diaries are signed and returned each week ready to be checked and changed.

### Maths

In our morning maths lessons this half term, we are focusing on length and mass. After half term we will move onto money and time.

During the afternoon we will do our daily TT RockStars times tables practise, as well as Mastering Number and Maths on Track where we focus on number facts and mental arithmetic in order to become more efficient mathematicians.

### Curriculum Theme

We will continue to learn about Ancient Egypt and the importance of the River Nile, the Pyramids and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We've already had some lovely, creative homework projects and we look forward to seeing some more. Once we've finished this theme, we'll be moving onto learning all about Birmingham.

### Other subjects at a glance:

Each afternoon we teach a variety of subjects including computing, PE, science and music. In science we will focus on light and then moving onto rocks.

In our PE lessons this term we are focusing on hockey and dance.

## Useful websites

[www.hightersheath.excelsiormat.org](http://www.hightersheath.excelsiormat.org)

[Times Tables Rock Stars – Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](http://ttrockstars.com) – your child's log in details are in their reading diary.

[KS2 - England - BBC Bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/ks2/bitesize)

## Important Dates for this term

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Year 3 visit to Birmingham Synagogue

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Year 3 visit to Birmingham Central Library

## Final Notices!

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

Homework – times tables practise and some English homework will be sent out each Friday. Please can this be returned by the following Thursday.

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](mailto:enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org)

We hope that the rest of this year will be exciting, enriching and rewarding for everybody in Year 3, and we 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 Leighton and Mrs Sharif