

Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed some well-earned rest with family and friends. We are looking forward to the new term and all of the new learning opportunities this year holds.

English

In our reading lessons, we will be reading *Anglo Saxon* - a fictional book based on the life of an Anglo Saxon. We will also be reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' - a book which looks at a child (who is a refugee) who joins a school and how his classmates help to support him through navigating his new life.



In our English lessons, we will be writing a newspaper article based on a short animation called 'Spyfox'. We will be writing to inform. We will also be writing a story to entertain based on *Anglo Saxon Boy*.



Maths

In maths, we will be continuing to focus on multiplication and division. It is vital that children learn their timestables. Remember to use [TTRockstars.com](https://www.trockstars.com) to practice at home as often as possible. We will also be looking at graphs, interpreting data and fractions. You could use www.topmarks.co.uk to help support at home.

Curriculum Theme

In theme, we will be continuing to learn about earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes. We have had lots of amazing powerpoints, drawings and stories bought in from home last year, we look forward to seeing more. We will then be looking at the Normans and their impact on Britain. You could research about who the Normans were and collect information about them. I wonder what it was like to be a Norman?



Other subjects at a glance:

In Science, we will be learning about electricity and thinking about circuits and electrical safety.

In music, we will be learning songs and looking at music from different eras.

In RE, we will be learning about forgiveness, belonging and identity.

In our Personal Development lessons, we will be looking at being proud of our differences, being respectful to others and understanding how our choices affect the environment we live in.

In computing, we will be building websites and working collaboratively. We will learn new skills and research using the internet.

In PE, we will be developing our hockey skills, improving our fitness, playing netball and working on our outdoor and adventure skills.

Useful websites

www.hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

www.ttrockstars.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.timestables.co.uk

www.mathletics.com

Final Notices!

PE day is **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. 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

Homework will be sent out each Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. Homework will consist of spellings we have learned that week and maths linked to the learning, completed on www.mathletics.com, new tasks will be set each week. There will be certificates given out in assembly every Friday for those who engage and participate.

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 term will be an exciting, enriching and rewarding year for everybody in Year 4 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 Wilson and Mrs Hussein.