

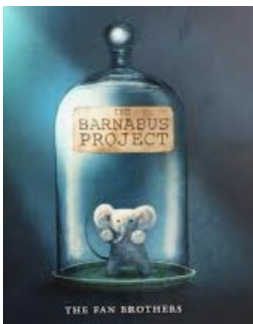
Year 3 Autumn Newsletter

Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We would like to welcome Year 3 back to school this year, they have started their year amazingly! I would like to re-introduce myself; I am Mrs Wright, and I am the class teacher. Working with us in Year 3 we have Mrs Schauker on a Monday, and Mrs Sharif. We have already had the most amazing start, and we know that this is going to be a fantastic year with lots of wonderful learning opportunities ahead of us. It has been lovely to see how well all the children have settled and how well they come into school each day, ready for learning. We are all very excited for the year ahead.



English

In our English lessons this half term we are using the story of The Barnabus Project. This is about some creatures who are 'failed projects' and who have to escape the lab they've found themselves in! We are going to be rewriting the story, and then we'll independently write our own journey story using our own creatures.

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, we are focusing on Number and Place Value. This includes understanding the value of digits, finding more than and less than by using number patterns and comparing numbers. We will then begin to learn our 3, 4 and 8 times tables. After that, we will move onto addition and subtraction where we will be adding hundreds, tens and ones to 3 digit numbers.

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 arithmetic in order to become speedier mathematicians.

Curriculum Theme



Our theme in Year 3 is Brazil. Throughout this exciting Geography unit, we will be looking at where Brazil is, what the landscape is like, many of the large cities and finding out all about the different types of settlements. We have already sent out the knowledge organisers for this theme and it would be great if we could have some home learning projects, then we can celebrate them in class!

Other subjects at a glance:

Each afternoon we teach a variety of subjects including computing, PE, science and music. In science we are learning all about plants and have set up an investigation We will be comparing the growth of two plants when one has sunlight, and one is in a dark place to see what happens.

In our PE lessons this term we are focusing on gymnastics and dance. We will be learning a variety of shapes, ways to travel and balances, before putting them all together into sequences.

In computing we are looking at computer networks and how different systems function. We will develop an understanding of how devices communicate and share information.

Useful websites

www.hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

[Times Tables Rock Stars – Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](http://TimesTablesRockStars.com)

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

Important Dates for this term

Thursday 15th October 2026 – Year 3 visit to the Botanical Gardens

Wednesday 3rd February 2026 – Birmingham Synagogue visit

Tuesday 20th April 2026 – Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Final Notices!

PE days are **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 – times tables practise and some English homework including spellings 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

I hope that this year will be an exciting, enriching and rewarding year for everybody in Year 3 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 Wright and Mrs Sharif