

## Class information

P.E days: Monday and Tuesday (We will be doing fitness and also net and wall games)

P.E kit: all children should change into t-shirt and shorts / jogging bottoms and trainers or pumps. All jewellery **must** be removed before the lesson commences and long hair should be tied back.

Library Day: Thursday

The children will not be allowed to borrow a new book unless they return the one previously loaned.

Reading books: are to be brought into school every day. Due to the high cost of books, if a reading or library book is lost or damaged then it will have to be paid for.

Homework: Reading and phonics is a priority and children are encouraged to read their reading books every day. New phonics words to read will be sent home every week.

All money that needs to be paid into school must be paid through Arbor.

We ask that children bring water into school and that any snacks for break time are healthy.



# HIGHTERS HEATH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

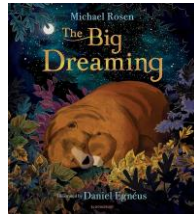
## YEAR 1 Newsletter

Summer Term

2023 - 2024

## Welcome back!

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Teaching Assistant - Mrs Sidwell-Brittle



Welcome back and happy summer term to you all!  
We hope you had a wonderful Easter, and that you are ready to get back to work for the final term in Year 1. This term Year 1 will be doing their phonics screening check, and we know they are going to do an amazing job! We cannot wait to get back into our learning this term and work incredibly hard together, as we always do. Good luck to Year 1 with their screening check!

### Maths:

This term, we will be learning about number and measurement, this includes mass and volume as we explore measurement and capacity. We will explore multiplication and division for the first time in Year 1. We are also going to learn about position, direction, money and time, as well as delving even deeper into number by looking at fractions and place value to 100.

### English:

This term, we will begin our learning journey by looking at the story "The Big Dreaming". We will start to look at how to write a narrative and what the ingredients of a good story are. Our final piece of writing will be a new ending to a story, focusing on invention and creativity as an author. We will write our own "writers toolkit" to prepare ourselves for creating an alternative ending. As the phonics screening check is this term, we will be teaching phonics lessons in the afternoon as well as the morning.

### Science:

In science this term, we will explore plants. We will investigate what plants need to grow, the conditions a plant needs and the parts of different plants. We will be planting our own seeds and making greenhouses and it will allow us to investigate what makes different seeds grow.

### RE / PD:

This term in RE we will be learning about the different events, faiths, celebrations around the world, and how they look forward to the future. We will begin by learning about Christianity and then delve into other beliefs and religions. We will begin to explore commitment and what this means, starting with being courageous and confident.

In PD we will be learning about health and well-being. We will delve into different topics, such as: keeping ourselves clean, setting ourselves targets, staying safe at home and asking for help when we need it.

## Our topics this term.

Our theme this half term is "Significant people". You have received the knowledge organiser for this which will give you an in depth look into what our learning will be this term. We will be exploring why some people are famous, and what it means to be a "significant person". We will investigate the lives of some famous people throughout history.

In Art, we will be exploring "playful making". We will be exploring materials and intention through a playful approach.

In D&T, we will be looking into sliders and levers. Our final piece will be to design a card all about 'famous people in their setting'.

## Trips and Visits.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Drama  
hut visit



## How can you help at home?

- Phonics, phonics, phonics! Make sure that you are reading the weekly real and alien words that are sent home to prepare for the phonics screening check later this year.
- Going to the library.
- Reading with your child daily and, most importantly, talking about what has been read, checking your child's understanding.
- Practising pre-cursive handwriting at home, practise makes perfect!
- Some good websites will encourage your child to find things out and improve their ICT skills, eg.
- [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) and [www.ruthmiskin.com](http://www.ruthmiskin.com)
- [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (specifically alphablocks for phonics and numberblocks for maths)
- [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) (A range of engaging maths games)
- [www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk) for pre-cursive handwriting, gross and fine motor