

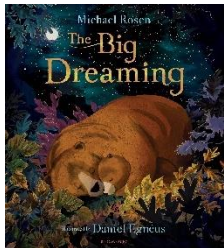
Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We would like to welcome Year 1 back to school after their Easter break, we hope you all had a restful and relaxing time ready to start learning again for the final term of the year. Myself and Mrs Sidwell-Brittle would like to take this chance to say that Year 1 continue to be fantastic, and that they have produced some amazing learning so far this year. We cannot wait to see what else they can achieve and see the progress that they make this term. As always, let's make sure that we are ready, respectful and safe as we return to school for this term, and that we are as prepared as possible for our phonics screening check after the May half term!

English

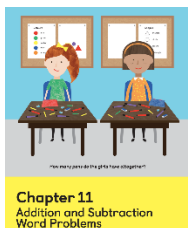


We are going to start the Summer Term by reading the story "The Big Dreaming". This is an exciting story about a little bear that goes on an adventure. We will see what challenges he faces and what he is able to overcome in his journey.

We will be reading the story and picking apart the structure of the story. At the beginning of our learning journey we will look into each plot point and look into story language. By the end of the unit, we will all be creating and writing the next part of the adventure for the little bear.

The children's library day this half term will still be Thursday. Please ensure that the children bring their library book back to school each week so that they can exchange it for another one. It is also very important that the children read their two Read Write Inc books at home each week ready for it to be changed in school each Friday. After the May half term, the children will be doing the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check so please make sure that you are practising reading all real and alien words that are sent home each week.

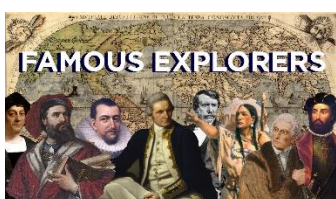
Maths



In Year 1 we have maths two times a day. We do Maths No Problem in the morning and then Mastering Number each afternoon. Mastering Number helps us to gain maths fact fluency and to have a deeper understanding of numbers to 10, and then to 20. This term we will focus on number bonds, doubling and halving facts and will look at counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

In our Maths No Problem learning this term we will move on from numbers to 20 and will start to look at different ways that we can use numbers up to 40. We will start our learning by looking at addition and subtraction word problems. We will also look at time, money and capacity towards the end of the summer term, after starting our journey into learning about simple fractions, multiplication and division.

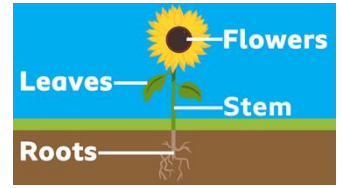
Curriculum Theme



Our final theme in Year 1 for the Summer Term is "Explorers". We will be sending home the knowledge organiser for this theme, and it tells you all about our learning. There are also home learning projects that we encourage you to have a go at home, if you bring them in, we can celebrate them in class! We will be focusing on different famous explorers through time and how they have had an impact on life in our world. We will explore why they are famous and what they discovered to help us with modern day living today.

Other subjects at a glance:

Each afternoon we will be teaching a range of other subjects: computing, music, science and PE. In science we are learning about seasonal changes and then plants after half term. We will start by looking at how our world changes as we transition from spring into summer and what we may notice about the world all around us. We will be identifying and naming different parts of plants, and we will explore how they grow and change. We will also plant our own plants and see what we need to do to care for them.



In computing we are focusing on creating media, specifically digital imagery. During this unit we will be creating our own picture story book using technology. We will be planning the story that we would like to make, we will then take photographs using the iPad camera. We will then learn to edit the photos and sequence them to make a story. We will celebrate by sharing our stories with each other when we have an end product.



In music we are using the Charanga scheme. This half term's focus song is called "Your Imagination". We will add choreography to pieces of music to see how they make us move and how they make us feel. We will start to learn about playing simple instruments and together, as a class, we will play along to the song once we know it well enough.

In PE this term we are focusing on two different aspects of physical education, these are: athletics and striking and fielding games. In athletics we will be taking part in activities that are made up of throwing, jumping and running.

Useful websites

www.hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

www.ruthmiskin.com

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

Important Dates for this term

Cannon Hill Park – Thursday 21st May

Final Notices!

PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday**. 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 – 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 an exciting, enriching and rewarding one for everybody in Year 1 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 Cooke and Mrs Sidwell-Brittle