

Summer Term

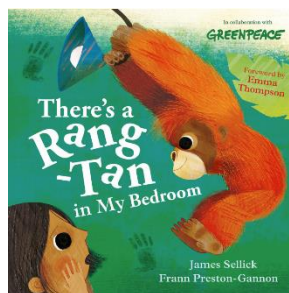
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

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

English

In our English lessons we are using the story of 'There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom', about a young girl and her orangutan friend. A cute but rather badly behaved little orangutan has appeared in a little girl's bedroom, throwing away chocolate and howling at the shampoo in the bathroom. The little girl asks the Rang-Tan why she's acting up, and Rang-Tan explains that there are humans in her forest, destroying trees. We will then use this story to write our own poems.



In our reading lessons we will be using *The Sheep-Pig* by Dick King-Smith. This is about Babe, a little orphaned piglet, who is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget. He is then adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheepdog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheepdog, but maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.

After half term we will be reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S Lewis. Four siblings step through a mysterious wardrobe and into the magical Narnia, a once-peaceful land now frozen in snow and stone by the cruelty of the evil White Witch. Only the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, can put an end to the White Witch's tyranny and restore peace. But for winter to meet its death and spring to come again, a great sacrifice must be made...

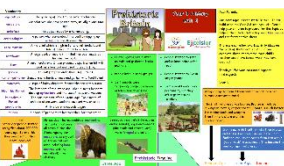
The children's library day will be on a Friday. Please ensure that your child is reading at home and that reading diaries are signed and returned each week, ready to be checked and changed.

Maths

In our morning maths lessons this half term, we are focusing on money, time and bar graphs. After half term we will move onto fractions, angles and shape.

During the afternoon we will do our daily TT Rockstars times tables practise, as well as Mastering Number where we focus on number facts in order to become speedier mathematicians.

Curriculum Theme



For this term we will be learning about Prehistoric Britain. Throughout this exciting History unit, we will be learning all about the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We will be sending out knowledge organisers for this theme and this gives ideas for homework projects - it would be great if we could have lots of projects to celebrate in class.

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 biology and will be learning about animals, including humans.

In our music lessons this year the children are extremely lucky to be working on a project with Rock It Music and will have the opportunity to play a range of instruments, including keyboards and ukeleles.

In our PE lessons this term we are focusing on tennis, rounders and basketball.

Useful websites

www.hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

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

KS2 - England - BBC Bitesize

Important Dates for this term

Thursday 8th May 2025 – Year 3 visit to Birmingham Library

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 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 the rest of this year will be exciting, enriching and rewarding 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 Leighton and Mrs Sharif