

Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

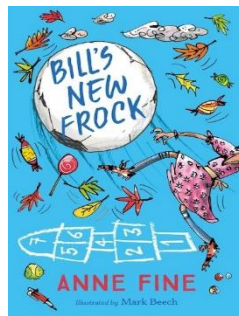
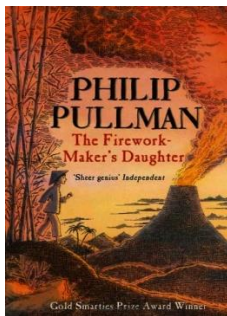
Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful Easter 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 ahead.

English

In our Reading lessons we will be reading 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine. It is a story about a boy who wakes up as a girl and spends the day as the opposite gender. Bill feels out-of-sorts because he is in the wrong body, and through observing with a child's innocent eyes the differences in the way people treat him, we see ourselves and society as we know it.

We will also be reading 'The Firework Makers Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is . . . a Firework-Maker! But firework-making is not just about being able to make Crackle-Dragons and Golden Sneezes. There is also one special secret: every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend! Not knowing that she needs special protection to survive the Fire-Fiend's flames, Lila sets off alone. Will she survive?



In our English lessons, we will be writing a persuasive text linked to the narrative 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd Stanton.

We will also be writing a letter to inform based on the text, 'The Queen of Darkness' by Tony Bradman, which we started to use as our reading text earlier in the year.

Maths

In maths, we will be continuing to focus on multiplication and division. It is vital that children learn their timetables. Remember to use [TTRockstars.com](https://www.ttrockstars.com) to practice at home as often as possible. We will also be looking at; decimals, money, area and perimeter, measure, geometry and Roman numerals. You could use www.topmarks.co.uk and www.timestables.com to help support at home.

Curriculum Theme

In theme, we will be discovering Antarctica and learning about this icy continent. We will learn about the different explorers and expeditions that have taken place through history. You could begin to find out about the animals who live in Antarctica and locate it on a world map.



Other subjects at a glance:

In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats.

In Music, we will continue to learn a range of songs, explore rap, tone and pitch.

In RE, we will be learning about living by rules and being imaginative and creative.

In our PD lessons, we will be looking at healthy lifestyles, staying safe and growing up.

In Computing, we will be looking at programming and data handling.

In PE, we will be taking part in athletics, tennis and rounders. As part of the national curriculum, it is important that children learn how to swim, so we will be beginning our two-week block of afternoon swimming.

Useful websites

www.hightersheath.exceliormat.org

www.ttrockstars.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.timestables.com

Important Dates for this term

Tamworth Castle visit: 30th April

Swimming dates: Two weeks beginning 15th June and 22nd June- your children will need their swimming kit every day for those two weeks.

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 we have done that week. Please ensure your child reads at home, to help them build their fluency.

If you have any queries, concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Please phone the school office or email: enquiry@hightersheath.exceliormat.org

I hope that this year will be an exciting, enriching and rewarding term 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