

Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

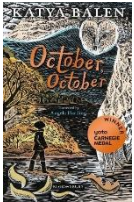
Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break, and the children are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. With SAT's looming over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on further developing their skills and knowledge of maths, reading and writing to ensure that they are full prepared for the upcoming tests.

English



In English we will start with a film unit. We will produce a balanced argument discussing whether Paddington should be allowed to stay in the UK.



After half term, the children will develop their narrative writing linked to "October, October" by Katya Balen. 'October, October' tells the story of a girl named October who lives in the woods with her father and a baby owl, Stig, whom she saves. October's life is disrupted when her mother reappears and her father is injured, forcing her to leave the woods and move to London to live with her mother. The children will write what happens when she moves to London and how she navigates city life.



In Reading sessions, we will read Cogheart. In the text, we meet 13-year-old Lily. When her inventor father vanishes after a Zeppelin crash, Lily is determined to hunt down the truth behind his disappearance, helped by Robert, the local clockmaker's son, and her wily mechanical fox Malkin. But shadowy figures are closing in, and treachery lurks among the smoky spires of London - along with a life-changing secret.

Maths



In maths we will consolidate children's knowledge of the four operations, including how to use bar models when solving multi-step problems.

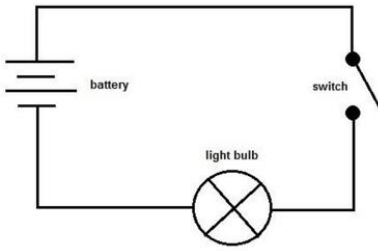
We will recap 2D and 3D shapes including angles and lines of symmetry. Finally, we will explore algebraic equations.

Curriculum Theme



In theme we will continue our learning about Civil Rights focusing on issues faced by people in the United Kingdom today. We will relate current issues to the Equality Act of 2010. We will use this knowledge to help us prepare speeches for the 'Speak Up Speak Out' competition.

Other subjects at a glance:



Our science theme is 'Electricity'. The children will explore how to create a circuit using a range of components including bulbs, buzzers and motors. They will also use their knowledge to investigate how to make the buzzer louder and how to change the brightness of a bulb.

In Music, we will continue to work with our music teacher. This term we will learn how to use steel pans and work towards a performance later in the

term.

In our PD lessons, we will be exploring factors that can affect our health and wellbeing. We will explore how to stay safe online and how to deal with peer pressure, before looking at how to navigate the transition between Primary and Secondary school.

In PE, we will be developing our understanding of team games including rounders.

Useful websites

www.hightersheath.exceliormat.org

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

www.trockstars.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.timestables.co.uk

Important Dates for this term

Wednesday 17th June – Friday 19th June – Year 6 residential to Beaudesert

Friday 26th June – Speak Up, Speak Out competition

Friday 3rd July – Sports Day

Final Notices!

PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**. 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.

Spellings will be tested every Tuesday, and new lists will be sent home each week.

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

We hope that this term will be an exciting, enriching and rewarding term for everybody in Year 6 and we 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,

Mr Wheeler and Mr Bennett