Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back!**

We would like to welcome Year 3 back to school this year, they have started their year amazingly! I would like to introduce myself; I am Mrs Leighton, and I am the class teacher and Mrs Sharif is the teaching assistant. Working with us in Year 3 we have Mrs Lindsay on a Monday, and Miss Morris. We have already had the most amazing start, and we know that this is going to be a fantastic year with lots of wonderful learning opportunities ahead of us. It has been lovely to see how well all the children have settled and how well they come into school each day, ready for learning. We are all very excited for the year ahead.

**English**

In our English lessons this half term we are using the short film of Tadeo Jones. This film is about a man who goes on an adventure in a crypt, passing tombs and escaping from a family of mummies! We have started by rewriting the story in our own words, and our final outcome will be writing a diary entry as if we are Tadeo, going on the adventure ourselves.

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, we are focusing on Number and Place Value. This includes understanding the value of digits, finding more than and less than by using number patterns and comparing numbers. We will then begin to learn our 3, 4 and 8 times tables. After that, we will move onto addition and subtraction where we will be adding hundreds, tens and ones to 3 digit numbers.

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**

Our theme in Year 3 this half term is Brazil. Throughout this exciting Geography unit, we will be looking at where Brazil is, what the landscape is like, many of the large cities and finding out all about the different types of settlements. We have already sent out the knowledge organisers for this theme and have already received some wonderful home learning projects. It would be great if we could have even more, then we can celebrate them in class!

**Other subjects at a glance:**

Each afternoon we teach a variety of subjects including computing, PE, Science and music. In Science we are learning all about plants and have begun to plan an investigation. We will be comparing the growth of two plants when one has sunlight, and one is in a dark place to see what happens.

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

In our PE lessons this term we are focusing on gymnastics and dance. We will be learning a variety of shapes, ways to travel and balances, before putting them all together into sequences.

**Useful websites**

[www.hightersheath.excelsiormat.org](http://www.hightersheath.excelsiormat.org)

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

[**KS2 - England - BBC Bitesize**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn)

**Important Dates for this term**

Thursday 10th October 2024 – Year 3 visit to the Botanical Gardens

Tuesday 10th December 2024 – Egyptians workshop in school

**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 this year will be an exciting, enriching and rewarding year 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