Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back!**

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas 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 this year holds.

**English**



In our English sessions we will start with ‘Dragonology’ which is a complete guide to dragons. After finding out about the different dragons we will create our own dragon, describing its unique features before writing a non-chronological report using subheadings to group the key information.

After half term we will read and discuss ‘Oranges in No Mans Land’. In the text we meet Ayesha who is an innocent victim of war. With her father abroad looking for work and her mother killed in a rocket attack, Ayesha and her young brothers find themselves refugees in a bombed out flat in Beirut with only an elderly grandmother to care for them.

When their grandmother becomes seriously ill, Ayesha quickly realises that no-one else will take responsibility and she undertakes a perilous journey across No Man's Land to enemy-held territory in search of a doctor and vital medicines.

After reading the text we will write a persuasive letter stating why this text should be included in the school curriculum.

**Maths**



Children will begin the term by looking at perimeter and area before moving onto units of measurement. Children will need to use their knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to covert units of measurements in order to solve a range of problems including finding the total and comparing distance and weight. We will then explore the co-ordinates within the four quadrants and revisit the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

**Curriculum Theme**

In theme we will continue our learning about migration exploring why people migrate and the barriers they face. We will look in depth at the ‘Windrush generation’ and make comparisons with refugees today.



Later on in the term, we will start learning more about ‘Civil Rights’ building on the children’s learning in Year 5. We will focus on Civil Rights issues in the UK in the past for example: the suffragettes movement before looking at current issues.

**Other subjects at a glance:**



Our science theme is ‘Light. The children will explore how light travels in different directions and how humans are able to see objects. They will develop their knowledge of scientific diagrams and use these to demonstrate their understanding.

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 issues in the wider world including, democracy, disability and dealing with change.

In PE, we will be developing our dance and athletics skills building in previous learning.

**Useful websites**

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

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

[www.ttrockstars.co.uk](http://www.ttrockstars.co.uk)

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk)

**Important Dates for this term**

Homework Club will be held every Tuesday from 3:15-4:15.

**Final Notices!**

**PE days** are **Monday** and **Tuesday**. 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.excelsiormat.org

I hope that this term will be an exciting, enriching and rewarding year for everybody in Year 6 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 Jones, Mrs Hussein and Mr Moffat