



Welcome to Elm Class

Hello,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Easter break.

It was also lovely to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' event last week.

For your diaries - P.E will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday afternoon, Forest School will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure all PE and Forest School kits are fully labelled with your child's name. Please make sure that the children have long sleeved clothes and trousers for Forest School even when the weather is warmer. PE kits can remain in school until half-term.

Kind regards

Mrs Younger, Miss White-Jones, Mrs Bazell and Miss Krzeminski

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Focus on writing a persuasive letter followed by writing narratives
- Focus on writing interesting sentences with correct punctuation
- Concentrate on drafting, revising and editing their independent writing

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will consolidate and develop:

- Fractions, children will identify equal parts and begin to formally recognise and find fractions
- Multiplication and division, children will consolidate 2, 5 and 10 times-tables
- Measurement including time, length, mass, capacity and temperature
- Statistics - pictograms
- Shape, geometry – position and direction

History

We will be learning about the role of a monarch and how it has changed over time; and identifying the purpose, structure and evolution of castles.

Science

For the first half term, we will be investigating seeds, bulbs and plants and recognising the conditions required for germination and healthy plant growth. After half-term, the children will bring together their science learning to undertake an investigation.

Geography

After the half term break, our geography topic will focus on coastal regions.

PE

This term your child will be having PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Your child will change into their PE kit at school so please make sure all items are named and in a named drawstring bag. Please note that cycling shorts / leggings are not part of the PE uniform.

RE

We will be exploring why people pray; identifying different ways people talk to God; discovering objects, places and actions used in prayer; and making connections between beliefs, feelings and practices.

Computing

We will look at block coding. The children will create their own animations.

Art/Design Technology

In art, the children will learn techniques to shape and decorate a clay pinch pot and a tile with features of a house. Later in the term, the children will undertake a food technology project. The children will discover the importance of a balanced diet and create a tasty, balanced wrap to meet a design brief.

PSHE:

The children will be learning about citizenship.

Music:

The children will develop an understanding of structure by exploring and ordering rhythms. Later in the term, the children will explore the song 'Once a Man Fell in a Well', playing it using tuned percussion and reading simple symbols representing pitch.

Forest School

Our Forest School day is Thursday afternoon with Mrs May. Please make sure the children continue to have long sleeve tops and long trousers along with wellington boots even as the weather gets warmer.

Homework

In order to support and consolidate your child's learning this term, homework will be given out on a Friday and due back the following Thursday.

Reading: Please hear your child read their school reading book regularly. These books must be bought into school each day and will be changed once they have been read at least three times. Please record in the Reading Record book that your child has been heard to read.

Spellings: A spelling list will come home on a Friday. Please work on these spellings each day ready for their spelling challenge the following Thursday.

Maths: Home learning for maths will include an oral maths activity and an activity to reinforce what the children have been learning in school.

Times-Tables: It is expected that by the end of Year 2 children know the 2, 5 and 10 times-tables. They will have a weekly challenge, so please keep practising.

Website and Newsletter – <http://www.overstone-wing.bucks.sch.uk>

Remember to check the 'Latest News' on the school website to keep up to date with what is happening. The school newsletter will come out on the last Friday of the month and will celebrate what we have been up to and will tell you what is coming up in the next month. This will be sent to you via Parent Mail.

Behaviour & Rewards

Dojo points – These are given to children demonstrating the school values, e.g. sharing a good piece of work or demonstrating good manners. The children will receive certificates to mark 50-point milestones.

Sharing outside achievements – Children will be able to share achievements from outside school in celebration assembly, e.g. swimming badges.

Weekly certificate – One child in each class will receive a values certificate in celebration assembly for showing the school values.

Governor award – This happens termly. One person from each class who we feel consistently demonstrates the school values, will be chosen to be awarded with a Governor Award. These children will be presented with a gold badge to be worn with pride on their uniform.

Headteacher postcard – These are awarded to children when they are sent to the headteacher for demonstrating good behaviour, completing good work and for clear evidence of showing the school values.

Equipment

Please send your child in each day with a clear named drinks bottle filled with water which can be refilled throughout the day. Please do not send squash or juice in your child's bottle as it attracts unwanted insects. Your child does not need any specific stationery, equipment or a pencil case for their lessons as we will provide pencils etc. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named.

Thank you for your continued support.