



Welcome to Beech Class

I hope everyone had a great Easter holiday and enjoyed a long Bank Holiday weekend. Hopefully, you are all ready for the new term ahead. Summer term is a very busy and exciting term which allows the children to discover new things and extend their learning with exciting trips.

This term, we will continue to build upon the children's previous term's progress and having a particular focus on reading and writing development. Book bags (reading records) will be needed daily with this and we aim to further develop the children's independence as learners and problem solvers. Please feel free to speak to me when you collect your child at the end of the school day or contact me via Class Dojo.

Miss Brain will be supporting in class, Monday to Friday. Mrs May will be teaching children in our Forest School on Wednesday afternoons. Our PE days are Monday and Friday. A coach will be teaching P.E. on Friday afternoon.

English

This term in English, the children will be studying the book *The Secret of Black Rock* by Joe Todd Stanton. Through this text they will:

- Focus on writing return narratives
- Learn to postcards
- Reinforce the plural noun suffix of adding -s, -es and joining words and clauses using -and, because, so, but

Maths

This term in Mathematics, the children will focus on:

- Measurement of length, height and mass
- Multiplication and division and fractions
- Time
- Money

Geography

In Geography, the children will explore the map of the world, globes and atlases and they will learn about the equator, the poles and different types of climate, as well as planning their route around a safari park.

Science

The Science focus this term is Plants. The children will learn to identify parts of flowering plants and trees. They will be able to spot the difference between wild flowers and garden flowers and name some common flowers as well. They will learn the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees and they will continue to observe seasonal change for deciduous trees. After half term, they will learn about animals and their habitats.

History

After the half term break, in History, the children will learn about what can we find in space, who has been to space and why couldn't we go before the 20th century, as well as what is an astronaut and how do you become one.

PE

PE will be on Monday and Friday afternoon. The children will change into their PE kit for every lesson so this needs to be available in school, throughout the term. This term we shall be focusing on coordination (footwork) and static balance (one leg).

RE

Throughout this term, the children will be learning about Old Testament stories, parables, fables and emotion in stories and how these impact on our lives.

Computing

We shall begin by revisiting e-safety rules and how to stay safe online, followed by learning to program: introduction to animation – comparing tools, joining blocks.

Design Technology

We are investigating a pulley system using strengthening knowledge and we will design and make our own.

Forest School

Our Forest School day is Wednesday, with Mrs May and Miss Brain. Please refer to the school website and click on the 'Forest School' tab for more information.

Homework

In order to support and consolidate your child's learning this term we expect all of the following homework to be done daily:

Reading – Please hear your child read their school reading book regularly and to use the questions in the back of the book to develop your child's comprehension. These books need to come back into school each day and will be changed once your child has read the book at least three times. Please record each time you have read with your child in their reading record.

We will upload phonics videos to support with learning the phonics sounds, using these to word build raising every individual's level of reading.

Spellings – On a Friday your child's spelling list will be sent home with the children. Please practise these spellings each day ready for their spelling test on the following Friday.

Maths – In order for your child to have a sound knowledge of basic maths concepts that they can apply to lots of maths areas, each Friday I will send home a number focus. This could be practising counting, recall of number bonds, etc.

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 in the celebration assembly.

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 – Termly the class will hold a secret vote for one person in their class who they feel has consistently demonstrated the school values. These children will be presented with a Governor badge to be worn 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. Your child does not need any specific stationary, 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.

Educational Visits

This term we have planned our visit to Woburn Safari Park on Wednesday, 17th of May. All children should be in school before 8.45, with a packed lunch and water bottle please. Please refer to our letter for more details.

After half term, we will visit a synagogue, more details soon.