



Welcome to Beech Class

I hope everyone had a great Easter holiday! Hopefully, you are all ready for the new term ahead. The summer term is a very busy and exciting term which allows the children to discover new things and extend their learning.

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

Many thanks, Mrs Dallas.

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 learn:

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

History

In History, the children will learn about finding out about events and people beyond living memory, children particularly think about explorers and what makes them significant. They create a timeline and investigate which parts of the world they explored, before comparing explorers and discussing ways in which these significant people could be remembered.

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 ever green trees and they will continue to observe seasonal change for deciduous trees. After half term, they will learn about making connections.

Geography

After half term, In Geography, the children will learn about life in Shanghai, using a world map to start recognising continents, oceans and countries outside the UK with a focus on China. Children identify physical features of Shanghai using aerial photographs and maps before identifying human features, through exploring land-use. They compare the human and physical features of Shanghai to features in the local area and make a simple map using data collected through fieldwork.

PE

PE will be on Wednesday 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 half term, the children are developing their ball skills in football and practising their on athletics skills, getting ready for Sports Day.

Art

We shall be exploring colour mixing through paint play, using a range of tools to paint on different surfaces and creating paintings inspired by Clarice Cliff and Jasper Johns.

RE

Throughout this term, the children will be learning about different ceremonies to welcome a new baby and identifying similarities across different world views.

Computing

After half term, we shall begin by revisiting e-safety rules and how to stay safe online, followed by learning how to programme a Bee Bot.

Design Technology

After half term, we are going to focus on cooking and nutrition, learning food preparation skills as well as tasting and choosing ingredients.

Forest School

Our Forest School day is Tuesday afternoon with Mrs May and Miss Crampton.

You can also visit 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 raise every individual's level of reading.

Spellings – Each week, the children will have five spellings to practise. On Friday, we will have a spelling test.

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 – One child will be nominated termly from each class who has consistently demonstrated the school values. These children will be presented with a Governor badge to be worn on their uniform each day.

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.