



Welcome to Beech Class

I hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday and you are all ready for the new term ahead. Spring Term is a busy and exciting term which allows the children to make great progress in their learning and gives them the opportunity to discover new things.

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. We shall be also aiming 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 Tuesday 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 *Hermelin, the Detective Mouse* by Mini Grey. Through this text they will:

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

Maths

This term in Mathematics, the children will:

- Learn about place value within 20 (sort and count objects, recognise numbers as words, count on from any number, count backwards, compare objects, compare numbers, read a number line, use a number line)
- Add and Subtract within 20
- Measurement of length, height and mass

History

In History, the children will learn about travel and the evolution of transport. They will also learn about the Great Fire of London, looking at what has caused it and how was it possible to spread so quickly. We will explore how the Great Fire of London has impacted our lives in modern day Great Britain.

Science

The Science focus this term is 'Every Day Materials'. The children will learn to identify various materials and understand the difference between objects and materials. They will explore the properties of various materials, as well as compare and group them.

Geography

After the half term break, the children will explore the map of United Kingdom, learning about the four countries of U.K. and their capital cities, looking at various human and physical features of all four countries.

PE

PE will be on Monday and Friday afternoons. 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 focussing on co-ordination (footwork) and static balance (one leg).

Art

We shall be looking at collage, using various materials and skills and linking with the RE theme of 'Awe and Wonder'.

RE

Throughout this term, the children will be learning about Creation, how God created our world and how we should look after it. After half term, the children will explore the Easter Story, focusing on Jesus's miracles and his followers and answering the question 'Should everyone follow Jesus?'

Computing

We shall begin by revisiting e-safety rules and how to stay safe online, followed by learning about Digital Painting using computers.

Design Technology

We are investigating various sliding mechanisms and how to make these.

Forest School

Our Forest School day is Tuesday, 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

There is no trip planned for this term. There will be two trips planned for later in the year – a trip to Woburn Safari Park at the beginning of the Summer Term and a trip to a synagogue towards the end of the Summer Term. We will send more information in due course.