



Welcome to Beech Class

I hope everyone had a great summer holiday and you are all ready for the new term ahead. Autumn term is a busy and an enjoyable term which allows the children to leap in their learning and gives them the opportunity to discover new things.

This term, we will focus on settling the children back to school and helping them adjust to a new and more demanding key stage. We will continue to build upon the children's previous progress and having a particular focus on reading and writing development. Book bags 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. A coach will be teaching P.E. on Friday afternoon. Mrs May will be teaching children in our Forest School on Tuesday afternoons.

I look forward to meeting you all at the Meet the Teacher session on Monday at 3.30 – 4.30. Mrs Dallas.

English

This term in English, the children will be studying the book Rapunzel, by Bethan Woollvin. Through this text they will:

- Focus on writing traditional tale narratives.
- Learn to write instructions.
- Revisit the plural noun suffix of adding -s; -es and building on previous learning of using capital letters, full stop and finger spaces.

Maths

This term in Mathematics, the children will:

- Learn about place value within 10 (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 10

History

In History, the children will be starting to answer questions about who they are and who are their families, as well as look at changes to the toys and homes over the years.

Science

The Science focus this term is 'Body parts' and 'Senses'. The children will learn to identify body parts and link some body parts to senses. They will explore and understand more through various investigations. We will also learn about longitudinal weather and start a photographic tree diary, to compare each term, in order to understand seasonal change.

Geography

After the half term break, we will be exploring our school grounds and identify key features using Google Earth, learn to use directional language and locate the school and key landmarks on a map of Wing.

PE

PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays. The child 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).

Art

We shall be looking at painting self-portraits mixing colours as well as learning about Picasso, learning to paint in his style and to create sculptures

RE

Throughout this term, the children will be learning about Baptism and the teachings of Jesus through different Bible stories.

Computing

We shall begin this term to learn about technology around us and to use technology (mouse and keyboards tasks).

Design Technology

After half term, we will be learning about healthy food, then we will design, make and evaluate Christmas party food.

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.