



Spring is here!

We hope that you and your families had an exciting and fun filled Christmas break. It has been lovely to see the children back in school and hear all of their news. We would like to welcome all our new children and families. Please share any photos of celebrations or traditions within your family, so that the children can see that special times can be celebrated in different ways.

Physical Development

This term, we will have P.E. lessons once a week, on a Thursday afternoon. The children will have the opportunity to develop and refine a range of skills, including ball control, stopping, spatial awareness and turn taking. Please send the children in with trainers to keep in their bags for Thursdays. Please can all children wear jogging bottoms/or leggings on Thursday to enable the children to move freely.

Communication and Language

This term, children will be encouraged to use language to learn about the names and jobs of people who help us in our community. We will look at what they do in their jobs and how some are the same /different. We will explore by lots of role play and dressing up. We do this in a number of ways for example through games, discussions, circle times and modelling conversations for the children.

Literacy

This term, we will be focusing on the re telling of well-known stories and developing the children's repertoire of songs/rhymes and their mark making skills. The children will continue to experience a range of texts in order to encourage a love of books and reading throughout their lives. Our focus books will be The Little Red Hen, Little Red Riding Hood, Mr Grumpy's Outing, Avocado Baby, Each Peach Pear Plum, Goodnight Moon, The Hare and the Tortoise, The Ugly Duckling, The Cat in the Hat, The Tiger who came to Tea, There's a Monster in your Book and Not now Bernard.

Our focus songs/rhymes are Jack and Jill, Little bow Peep, Little Miss Muffet, One, Two Buckle my shoe, Pat-a - cake, Peter Piper and Polly put the kettle on.

Mathematics

This term will continue consolidating the children's knowledge of numbers up to 5 and understanding the different ways in which we can make these numbers. For example, 3 can be made up of 1 and 2, 2 and 1 and so on. We will be developing their subitising skills. We will also be exploring shapes and developing spatial awareness, including making shapes and recognizing that a shape can have other shapes within it.

Forest school

We will be taking advantage of our wonderful Forest School provision on a weekly basis every Wednesday with Mrs May leading the session and will be linked to our topic this term of 'How Can We be Helpful?' and exploring the changes that are happening in the environment, such as new buds growing on the trees and changes in wildlife.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will encourage the children to access a variety of resources which they can then use to model, paint and create collages. We will provide opportunities for the children to use their imagination in role-play and using a variety of small world toys. They will also have the opportunity to explore the sounds of different musical instruments and learn new songs and rhymes. We will be using a variety of tools and textures and doing experimental pattern printing.

Cookery

We will be developing our skills this term by becoming more independent in following recipes and creating our own. We will be making Fruit Milkshakes, Yoghurt bites, Porridge, Yoghurt Lollies, Pancakes and Chocolate Nests.

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 ParentMail.

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 for 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, a warm, waterproof coat and wellies and a bag with a change of clothes in it. Please can we ask that all uniform and personal belongings are clearly named. Thank you!