



Summer Means Happy Times and Sunshine

Summer is almost here and we have now started our final term in Reception. The year seems to have passed so quickly! All of the children have achieved and grown so much during the first two terms, we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. I know they will continue to be enthusiastic in their learning and build up a range of knowledge and experiences throughout this term also. During the term, we shall be using the growing of plants and some of the different places in our world as a basis for a number of our activities. During this term, the children will begin using the playground for lunchtimes with Miss Woods. This will give them the opportunity to play in a larger space and to mix with the children in Key Stage One. As the term progresses we will start to think more about transitioning into Year One. Throughout this term, our PE session with the coach will continue to be on a Thursday afternoon and Forest School will continue to take place each Friday afternoon.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During the Summer Term, we shall be continuing to focus our attention on developing the children's confidence when facing a new challenge. We will also be thinking more about how we can stay safe and healthy, including hygiene routines and healthy food choices.

Physical Development

The children will continue to work on developing their fine and gross motor skills through a variety of activities. In P.E. lessons the children will be developing their skills for movement, catching, throwing and increasing their control when using apparatus. The children are able to change into their P.E. kit with greater independence, but please continue to encourage them to dress and undress themselves at home.

Communication and Language

In this area of learning, the children will be encouraged to try to use the correct tense when talking about the present and the past, relating these to their own experiences. We shall also be supporting the children to begin to use connectives such as 'because' to share their thoughts and experiences with more detail.

Literacy

This term, we will be consolidating the children's skills in the early stages of reading and writing. 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 Extraordinary Gardener' and 'The Storm Whale.' We will encourage them to use vocabulary linked to these stories for instruction writing and for writing friendship stories. We will continue to teach Phonics in daily Read Write Inc sessions, revisiting already covered sounds and introduce the next stage of sounds. We shall also be looking more at the 'tricky red words' which the children are meeting in their guided and home reading.

Maths

A focus in maths will be the numbers up to twenty and counting beyond. We will continue to look at number pairs which make ten, aiming to recall these from memory and will begin taking away to find new totals. Further into the term we will be exploring and representing patterns within the numbers up to ten. This will include evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be shared equally.

Understanding the World

This area of learning will involve lots of planting of different seeds and looking further at processes and changes which take place, such as life cycles of animals which are common during the summer. We will be creating our own maps of known journeys and we shall become history detectives, spotting cues of the past and comparing the differences between now and then. We will also look at a selection of different environments and countries compare their features and weather with those found in the United Kingdom.

Expressive Arts and Design

At the start of this term, we will be looking at some of the instruments in an orchestra and using instruments in our own performances. We will also be looking at some different artists work and using transport and journeys in our music making.

Forest School

Our Forest School day is Friday afternoon with Mrs May and Miss Woods. 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 would like you to:

Read – Please continue share lots of different storybooks with your child on a daily basis, the love of reading is something which the children deserve to have for life. We will continue to send home Dream Reads books which the children have selected and books which have been chosen on our library visits. The children will also bring home reading sheets or books linked to their phonic knowledge. Please can these come into school daily for reading and changing.

Phonics – Videos from the Read Write Inc Phonics programme will continue to be uploaded to Class Dojo this term. These will be sounds that the children are learning or have covered for them to practise further. It will be very important for your child to recall and pronounce the sounds correctly so please do follow the links when I upload them.

Maths – At home, please continue to support your child by counting various objects and actions, you could challenge them to see how many of a given object they can spot on the way to school and count them as they go. Number spotting is another good way for them to recognise numbers around them and introduce them to higher two-digit numbers. Cooking together at home is always a wonderful way to include this in a fun way.

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 – We will be continuing to use these as the term progresses. 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 as part of our celebrations.

Sharing outside achievements – Children will be able to share achievements from outside school with their classmates, e.g. swimming badges.

Governor award – Termly the staff will choose one person in the 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 clearly named drinks bottle filled with water which can be refilled throughout the day. Please ensure book bags, jumpers and cardigans are clearly named as these tend to be misplaced easily, especially as more areas of the school open up to the children.

Thank you for all your support over the previous term and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the Reception Team.