



## Welcome to Elm Class

Hello,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the festive break.

We look forward to seeing you at 'Open Classroom' event and sharing our classroom with you.

For your diaries - P.E will be on a Wednesday and a Friday afternoon, and Forest School will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure all PE and Forest School kits are fully labelled with your child's name. Please make sure that the children have warm clothes and an extra pair of gloves for Forest School. PE kits can remain in school until half-term.

Kind regards

Mrs Younger, Mrs Bazell and Miss Kzreminski

### English

This term in English, the children will:

- Focus on a finding narrative as our first text followed by writing instructions
- After half-term, we will be writing a return story followed by an information text
- Focus on writing interesting sentences with correct punctuation
- Concentrate on drafting, revising and editing their independent writing

### Maths

This term in Maths, the children will consolidate and develop:

- Addition and subtraction skills, using concrete objects, pictorial representations and mental methods
- Multiplication and division understanding the language of grouping and sharing, then starting times tables
- Measurement including money, length, mass, capacity and temperature

### History

We will be learning about how people learned to fly. We will be visiting the De Havilland Museum to build on what we learn in school.

### Science

For the first half term, we will be studying the use of everyday materials, where the children will compare the suitability of materials by carrying out tests and recording data. Animal lifecycles will follow after half-term identifying the stages of animal life cycles and carrying out tests to record growth.

### Geography

After the half term break, we will begin our geography topic, 'Why is our world wonderful?'

### PE

This term your child will be having PE on a Wednesday and Friday. Your child will change into their PE kit at school so please make sure all items are named and in a named drawstring bag. You will need to refer to the uniform policy on the website for the full kit list. Please note that leggings are not part of the PE uniform.

### RE

We will be learning about 'What is a prophet?' The children will investigate stories that show the characteristics of a prophet and what a prophet might mean to some people.

### Computing

We will look at Computing Systems and Networks for the first half term followed by Algorithms and De-bugging.

### Art/Design Technology

'Life in colour' will teach the children about primary and secondary colours, colour mixing, and creating textures using different tools. Later in the term, the children will undertake two DT projects. The first is mechanisms where the children will design and create a functional fairground wheel Then textiles, where the children will develop their sewing skills to make a fabric pouch.

### PSHE:

The children will be learning about safety and changing bodies. We will be visiting Hazard Alley Safety Centre to build on what we learn in school.

### Music:

We will be using instruments to represent animals, copying rhythms and creating call and response rhythms. They will then learn how events, actions and feelings within stories can be represented by pitch, dynamics and tempo.

### Forest School

Our Forest School day is Thursday afternoon with Mrs May. Please refer to the school website and click on the 'Forest School' tab for more information.

### School Trips

We have two educational visits this term. The first visit will be to the De Havilland Museum to support our learning in History and Science. The second visit after half term will be to Hazard Alley, which will support our learning in PSHE.

### Homework

In order to support and consolidate your child's learning this term, homework will be given out on a Friday and due back the following Thursday.

Reading: Please hear your child read their school reading book regularly. These books must be bought into school each day and will be changed once they have been read at least three times. Please record in the Reading Record book that your child has been heard to read.

Spellings: A spelling list will come home on a Friday. Please work on these spellings each day ready for their spelling challenge the following Thursday.

Maths: Home learning for maths will include an oral maths activity and an activity to reinforce what the children have been learning in school.

### 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.

**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** – This happens termly. One person from each class who we feel consistently demonstrates the school values, will be chosen to be awarded with a Governor Award. These children will be presented with a gold badge to be worn with pride 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 stationery, 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.