



Welcome Back

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas, a restful holiday and that your family has continued to remain safe and well.

This term is an exciting term with plenty of new topics and themes to explore. The children have returned to school as enthusiastic as ever, happy to see their friends and teachers and excited to learn.

We will continue to communicate through Class Dojo and homework will be set there as usual. Both Mrs Burgess and myself are very happy to talk after school, please let us know if you need to speak with us at the end of the day.

Our teaching team stays the same with Mrs Dallas teaching Monday to Friday and Mrs Burgess supporting in class. A coach will be teaching P.E. on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs May will be teaching children in our Forest School on Friday afternoons.

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Focus on exploration of text, reading 'Fox' by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks
- Learn how to discuss the structure and language features of the text
- Develop planning skills and writing using effective vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will:

- Multiply and divide by 3, 4 and 8
- Practise reasoning and problem solving
- Measure: Money – add, subtract, give change and convert

Science

This term, the topic we will be covering is Rocks & Fossils and Forces & Magnets. We will be looking at how rocks are formed, how many types of rocks there are and investigate their properties, as well as learning about how fossils are formed. We will explore what forces are and notice that some forces need contact between two objects, as well as studying how magnetic forces work.

Geography

Our geography topic is Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We will learn what are mountains and where are the key mountain ranges in UK and in the world, as well as where are volcanoes in the world (active or dormant) and how and why the earthquakes occur.

History

After half term, we will begin our History topic - Prehistoric Britain – we will learn about the changes from Stone Age to Iron Age and what prehistory means. We will also explore how the hunter-gatherers survived in the Stone Age and marvel at the mysteries of Stonehenge.

PE

This term your child will be having PE on Monday afternoon and on Tuesday afternoon (this session is taught by a coach). Your child will change into their PE kit at school so 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. As far as possible PE will be outside, so please ensure they have warmer PE kit as the weather gets colder through the term.

RE

The children will be starting with the topic of Hinduism, looking at the life of a Hindu child and the daily duties, as well as studying a range of Hindu stories that explore the concepts of actions and consequences.

French

This term we will be learning to count and to answer the question 'How old are you?'. We will learn to read numbers and play outdoor games with numbers.

Computing

We will look at online safety to begin with, and then learn about connecting computers, looking at how digital devices help us and what does our school network look like?

Forest School

Our Forest School day is Friday. 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 for 10 – 15 minutes using one or two questions from the reading bookmark every time to develop your child's comprehension. These books need to come back into school each day. Please record each time you have read with your child in their reading record. Your child will also bring home a library book for you to share together. These need to be in school on a Wednesday as this is when we will change them. We have spent a lot of money over the last few years on books so please take care of them and encourage your child to do the same. If you find you have any school reading books at home then please send them in with your child.

Spellings – On a Monday your child's spelling list will be uploaded onto Class Dojo. Please practise these spellings each day ready for their spelling test on the following Monday. At the meet the teacher meeting I will go through the best way to help your child to learn these words.

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 Monday I will upload a number focus onto Class Dojo. This could be practising counting, recall of number bonds or rehearsing multiplication tables. The children will then share what they have learnt in a challenge the following Monday.

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 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. If they would prefer to bring in their own equipment then please ensure everything is named and the pencil case is a sensible size. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named.