



Welcome Back

Welcome to Year 3 Fir class.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the summer holidays and to begin to get to know them all. We hope that you have had a restful break and that the children are looking forward to all the learning and experiences in the year ahead!

Below you will see a breakdown of the Year 3 curriculum and information regarding P.E., homework and Forest School. We will also be sending home knowledge organisers for each subject. These are also available currently online via ClassDojo.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Dye, Miss Kinchin and Miss Sullivan

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Focus on exploration of text, reading 'The Iron Man'
- 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:

- Focus on Place Value to 1,000 – comparing, partitioning and ordering numbers
- Add and sub 3-digit numbers
- Multiply and divide by 3, 4 and 8
- Problem solving

Science

This term, the topic we will be exploring is Movement and Nutrition. We will explore human and animal skeletons, in addition to muscles and internal organs, identifying their special functions.

We will learn about the importance of a balanced diet for health, growth and energy. We will investigate the diets of a variety of different animals; herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

History

This half term, we will be looking at prehistoric times from the Stone Age, Iron Age and into the Bronze Age. We will be exploring what Skara Brae's way of life was like for those living at that time and how did the Bronze Age change life in the Stone Age period. The children will be researching who was the Amesbury Archer and in the second part of our term will have the opportunity to visit Celtic Harmony for the day.

Geography

After half term, our focus will be gaining a good geographical understanding of how the Earth was constructed, where and how mountains and volcanoes were formed and the effect of earthquakes and volcanic disruptions.

R.E.

We will be learning about being respectful by understanding religions worldwide and then thinking about 'What makes us human?' The children will discuss how art can express ideas and why some religions meditate.

French

This term, we will be learning how to greet others, introduce ourselves and listen and respond to single words and short phrases. We will begin noticing common spelling patterns and recognise written French words.

P.E.

This term, your child will be having PE on Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Your child will change into their PE kit in the changing rooms at school, so please ensure all items are named and in a named drawstring bag. As far as possible PE will be outside, so please ensure they have warmer PE kit as the weather gets colder through the term.

Computing

We will look at online safety to begin with and then discover what networks are. The children will be exploring a file's journey and how a website works to what does packet data mean.

Forest School

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

Trips

We are hoping to take an educational visit to the Celtic Harmony in Hertfordshire. The children will have a 'Stone Age Day experience' where they will have the opportunity to learn what life was like during that period.

Homework

In order to support and consolidate your child's learning this term we expect all of the following homework to be done each week:

Reading

Please hear your child read their school reading book for 15 - 20 minutes each day using one or two questions from the reading bookmark to develop your child's comprehension. Reading books need to come into school each day. Please record each time you have read with your child in their reading diary. Your child may also bring home a library book or Overstone Reading Tree Challenge book for you to share together.

Spellings

Each Friday your child will receive a new spelling list in their homework folder to learn. Please practise these spellings each day ready for their spelling test on the following Thursday.

Maths

Initially we are going to revisit the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 & 10-times tables before moving on to 3, 4 & 8-times tables. Guidance will be provided to support the learning of multiplication and division facts. There will be a mixture of online games and activities to be completed. This work will be based upon what we are currently learning and how your child is progressing.

Home work will be sent out on a Friday in a named folder and needs to be completed and returned by the following Thursday.

Homework will commence on Friday 12th September - any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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 and 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 teacher's will 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. All children's possessions should be labelled with their name.

We welcome you to Year 3 and look forward to teaching your children.