



## Welcome Back

Happy New Year all! I hope you've had a restful and wonderful break spent with all the people you love. Mrs Eadie and myself are ready and raring to go this term, so you'd better be too!

We've got a great term planned for you, including the return of the Family Fletcher in our Guided Reading sessions, some super messy work in Art, and some very hands-on Computing and Science lessons. There are some more details below, but you'll have to wait and see for the full picture!

As always, if you need me, you are more than welcome to message me on ClassDojo or catch me on the gate – this has likely been another tricky holiday for some and I appreciate that we don't always run at 100%!

Let's do this!

- Miss Mitchener

### English

This term in English, the children will:

- Explore different text types
- Become confident in editing their own and others' work
- Write narratives and formal reports
- Solidify their knowledge of different word types and how they're used

### Maths

This term in Maths, the children will:

- Understand how to calculate the area/perimeter of compound and irregular shapes
- Learn what cube, square and prime numbers are
- Learn how to multiply larger numbers together such as a 4- and 2-digit number
- Begin working with fractions in a variety of ways

### History

This term we'll be delving into Ancient Egypt, looking at things such as the pharaohs, the Pyramids, and even some mythology!

### Science

For the first half term, we will be investigating a variety of forces and how these affect everyday life, especially in machinery such as levers and pulleys. After the break, we'll be looking at the habitats and life cycles in different plants and animals.

### Geography

After the half term break, we will be looking at natural and man-made resources and how these are created.

### PE

This term PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays (Fridays also with a coach). Children 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

We will be looking at how community is created within religions and their place of worship, specially Islam, and then moving on to sacrifice in Christianity.

### French (for KS2)

This term we will be looking at food and prices (ready for a French shopping trip?) and then looking in more detail at France as a country.

### Computing

We will have a brief look at online safety again at the beginning of term, then video editing (creating your own short film and editing it!), and then databases.

### Forest School

Our Forest School day is Monday. 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 a Mosque this half term, and also potentially Hazard Alley (though neither of these have been confirmed yet owing to changing guidelines). More information will be sent home and posted on ClassDojo when we know more.

### 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.

**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. We will also continue our Times Table Rockstars challenges every week, with the top three scorers getting a certificate each Friday!

**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. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named.