



Welcome Back summer 2023

Welcome to the summer term, I hope you had a wonderful Easter break. We are really looking forward to an amazing summer term with year 4 with lots of exciting things coming up. This term is exciting with plenty of new topics and themes to explore, including our topic and class trip learning about rainforests.

Please continue to use Class Dojo as I use it regularly to report what the children have been up to in class and to give you important updates. Please also continue to use this to inform me of anything that I might need to be aware of concerning the children or to ask any questions. I love hearing your feedback, so, please do comment on the posts.

Our PE and forest school dates have not changed for this year and we will be hoping to get active a bit more when the weather allows to continue to develop some team building and game strategies.

Miss Callum.

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Learn to immerse themselves in the class text we are using
- Learn to analyse this text in a variety of ways
- Learn to plan and gather ideas for their own writing
- Write: an instructional text, a narrative which is based on a mythical object and a young hero and we will be looking at biographies also
- We will also focus on various elements of grammar to support the children with their writing.

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will focus on:

- Decimals – tenths and hundredths
- Money – calculating with money
- Time – converting between 12 and 24 hour clocks
- Shape – angles
- Position and direction – translation on a grid

History

Our first half of the term we will look at the Vikings. The children will find out about life before and during the Viking invasion of Britain and then investigate areas of their army and lifestyle. We will also be looking at how the Vikings traded.

Science

Our first topic in science is Living things and their habitats before the final topic of extreme weather. We will be classifying plants and animals and some of our science work will cross over into their forest school activities also.

Geography

We will be studying rainforests as part of our geography learning. We will be looking at where rainforests are located and the different aspects of a rainforest, while also discussing deforestation.

PE

As with last term, your child will change into their PE kit at school. They are getting much quicker at this! However, please do make sure all items are named and in a named drawstring bag as they do tend to lose a few items and it makes it so much easier if they are named to find them. You will need to refer to the uniform policy on the website for the full kit list. As far as possible PE will continue to be outside, so please ensure they have warmer PE kit as the weather can be very changeable.

RE

We are going to be understanding what is a miracle and discussing some of the miracles that Jesus performed while on earth and then we will look at prayer and its relevance and importance.

French

We are learning to name musical instruments and genres in French and we will end the year learning how to order food and drink at a restaurant.

Computing

Now that we have more devices in school, we can really push on with Computing. We will review E-Safety and its importance. We will be focusing on coding and debugging computer programmes.

Forest School

The children really look forward to their weekly Forest School sessions and Mrs May works closely with the curriculum to adapt tasks to tie in with what they are learning in class. In forest school this term children will be making links to classification and habitats.

Homework

It is vital that the following homework is done daily with your child as this will really enhance their learning in class and will also give them greater confidence and self-belief in what they are doing.

Reading – Studies have shown that a good writer tends to be a good reader, but just that you are a good reader does not correlate that you are a good writer too. So, please hear your child read their school reading book daily for 20 minutes using one or two questions from the reading bookmark every time. These questions are so important to do, as it helps with your child's understanding of what they are reading. Their reading book needs to come back into school each day. Please also record each time you have read with your child in their reading record.

Spellings – Please continue to practise the weekly spellings before the test on Wednesdays.

Maths – In Year 4 the children will undertake a Government National test of their times tables. [Multiplication tables check: information video - YouTube](#) please practice, every day, their times tables. The children have access to [Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](#) where they are able to practise a particular times tables to all and a simulated version of the test they will take later in the Summer Term.

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. Please also check our Class Dojo page all the time for daily updates or messages with what the children have been up to.

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.