



## Welcome Back

Welcome to Year 6.

We hope that you have had a restful holiday and are refreshed and ready to learn. This Autumn is always an exciting term with plenty of new topics and themes to explore. We are looking forward to meeting our Year 6 parents at the 'Meet the teacher' meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2:30pm.

Year 6 teaching staff will be Mr Winyard (Sycamore class) and Mrs Willett (Willow class). Mrs Brain will be supporting both Year 6 classes from Monday to Thursday and we have a new member of the team, Mrs Howard as a teaching assistant, who will be working Wednesday to Friday.

Please feel free to contact your class teacher if you have any further questions.

Kind regards

Mr Winyard and Mrs Willett

### English

This term in English, the children will:

- Learn how to plan and write a diary entry
- Learn what is a recount and how to plan and write a successful one
- Understand how words are related by meanings
- Learn the difference between vocabulary for informal and formal speech
- Understand how to use cohesive devices in writing
- Learn how to effectively use parenthesis

### Maths

This term in Maths, the children will:

- Place Value-comparing and ordering numbers to 10 million.
- Rounding any number to 10 million.
- Understanding negative numbers.
- Problem solving

### History

After the half term break, we will be looking at the British Industrial Revolution. The children will learn about cotton spinning; steam engines; the use of iron and coal; canals and trains.

### Science

For the first half term, the topic is habitats. The children will be learning how to classify animals and the habitats, throughout the world and where they live. For the second part of the term, we will plan and carry out a series of electrical circuit investigations. The children will carry out a series of enquiries that explore the effects of voltage on electrical circuit components.

### Geography

The children will have the opportunity to explore the local area in comparison to life in the Alps and Mexico.

### PE

Sycamore class will be having PE on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Willow Class will be on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Your child will change into their PE kit at school so make sure all items are named and in a named drawstring bag. Please refer to the uniform policy on the website for the full kit list, and note that leggings are not part of the PE uniform. As far as possible PE will be outside, so please ensure your child has warmer PE kit, as the weather gets colder through the term.

### RE

The children will be learning all about Saints and Christian martyrs through the years. The children will discuss the comparison between Saints and Jesus.

### French (for KS2)

This term Year 6 will be learning all about French sports and holidays.

### Computing

We will look at online safety to begin with, and then 3-D modelling.

### Forest School

Willow Forest School is on Thursday afternoon and Sycamore class will be on a Monday afternoon. 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 Frogmore Papermill this term. We are also looking at a residential trip in June 2022, further details will follow shortly.

### 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. 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 we 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 we 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 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 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.