



## Summer Means Happy Times and Sunshine

Summer is almost here and we have started our final term in Reception. The year seems to have passed so quickly! All of the children have achieved and grown so much during the first two terms, we couldn't be prouder of them. I know they will continue to be enthusiastic in their learning and build up a range of knowledge and experiences throughout this term also. During the term, we shall be using the growing of plants and the seaside as a basis of many of our activities. The children are now using the playground for lunchtimes with Miss Woods and Miss Loveridge. This gives them the opportunity move and play in a larger space and to mix with the children in Key Stage One. Throughout this term, our PE session with the coach will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon and Forest School will continue to take place each Monday afternoon.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During the Summer Term, we shall be continuing to focus our attention on developing the children's confidence when facing a new challenge. We will also be thinking more about how we can stay healthy, including well-being, emotions and healthy food choices.

### Physical Development

The children will continue to work on developing their fine and gross motor skills through a variety of activities. In P.E. lessons the children will be developing their skills for movements, such as running, jumping, hopping and skipping. All of the children are able to change into their P.E. kit with greater independence, but please continue to encourage them to dress and undress themselves at home.

### Communication and Language

In this area of learning, the children will be encouraged to try to use the correct tense when talking about the present and the past, relating these to their own experiences. We shall also be supporting the children to begin to use connectives such as 'because' to share their thoughts and experiences with more detail.

### Literacy

This term, we will be consolidating the children's skills in the early stages of reading and writing. The children will continue to experience a range of texts in order to encourage a love of books and reading throughout their lives. Our focus books will be 'The Extraordinary Gardener' and 'The Storm Whale.' We will encourage them to use vocabulary linked to these stories for instruction writing and writing friendship stories. We will continue to teach Phonics in daily Read Write Inc. sessions. The daily phonics will start to be taught in separate groups by myself, Miss Loveridge and Miss Woods. These groups will focus on the areas of phonics which the children need to revisit or move onto when appropriate for the developing skills and knowledge. We shall also be looking more at the 'tricky red words' which the children are meeting in their guided and home reading.

### Maths

A focus in maths will be the numbers up to twenty and counting beyond. We will continue to look at number pairs which make ten and will begin to using taking away to find new totals. Further into the term we will be exploring and representing patterns within the numbers up to ten. This will include evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be shared equally.

### **Understanding the World**

This area of learning will involve lots of planting of different seeds and looking further at processes and changes which take place, such as life cycles. We will also look at different countries that the children have experience of and compare them with life in the United Kingdom.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

At the start of this term, we will be looking at weaving and stitching to create our art work and products using different textiles. We will be moving onto creating sculptures using different mediums and creating collages.

### **Forest School**

Our Forest School day is Monday afternoon with Mrs May, Miss Loveridge and Mrs Bazell. 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 would like you to:

**Read** – Please continue share lots of different storybooks with your child on a daily basis, the love of reading is something which the children deserve to have for life. We will continue to visit the school library every Tuesday, to take out a book for you and them to share together. The children will also bring home reading sheets or books linked to their phonic knowledge.

**Phonics** – Videos from the Read Write Inc Phonics programme will continue to be uploaded to Class Dojo this term. These will be sounds that the children are learning or have covered for them to practise further. It will be very important for your child to recall and pronounce the sounds correctly so please do follow the links when I upload them.

**Maths** – At home, please continue to support your child by counting various objects and actions, you could challenge them to see how many of a given object they can spot on the way to school and count them as they go. Number spotting is another good way for them to recognise numbers around them and introduce them to higher two-digit numbers. Cooking together at home is always a wonderful way to include this in a fun way.

**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** – We will be continuing to use these as the term progresses. 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 clearly named drinks bottle filled with water which can be refilled throughout the day. Please ensure jumpers and cardigans are clearly named as these tend to be misplaced easily, especially as more areas of the school open up to the children.

Thank you for all your support over the previous term and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the Reception Team.