



Welcome to Elm Class

Hello,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the summer holidays. 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! We are also delighted to welcome Miss White Jones (who will be teaching on a Tuesday morning) to the Year 2 team. We look forward to seeing you at 'Meet the Teacher' event and sharing our classroom with you.

For your diaries - P.E will be on a Wednesday and a Friday afternoon, and Forest School will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure all PE and Forest School kits are fully labelled. PE kits can remain in school until half-term.

Kind regards

Mrs Younger, Mrs Bazell and Miss Kzreminski

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Focus on a circular narrative as our first text followed by letter writing
- After half-term, we will be writing setting descriptions followed by diary entries
- Learn to analyse texts, becoming familiar with their structure
- Concentrate on drafting, revising and editing their independent writing

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will consolidate and develop:

- Place value skills, working with numbers to at least 100
- Addition and subtraction skills, using concrete objects, pictorial representations and mental methods
- Their knowledge of shape – both 2D and 3D

History

We will be learning about how schools were different in the past and we will be making comparisons between schools in the past and present. We will use sources to research and develop an understanding of what schools were like 100 years ago and will be identifying features of a classroom now and a classroom 100 years ago.

Science

For the first half term, we will be studying Living Things: Habitats, followed by Microhabitats after half-term.

Geography

After the half term break, we will begin our geography topic, "Would you prefer to live in a hot or a cold place?"

PE

This term your child will be having PE on a Wednesday and Friday. Your child will change into their PE kit at school so please 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.

RE

For the first half of the term, we will be learning about why we need to give thanks, followed by candles and what they mean to people.

Computing

We will look at Computing Systems and Networks for the first half term followed by Algorithms and De-bugging.

Art/Design Technology

"Map it out": This art unit focuses on teaching the children to explore and create maps through various art forms. They will be developing their skills in sorting, designing and evaluating art. After half-term, the children will be designing and creating a chair for Baby Bear to sit on! The children will also be investigating mechanisms and making a moving picture.

PSHE:

This half-term we will be learning about different families and relationships, followed by Health and Wellbeing.

Music:

We will be using instruments to represent animals, copying rhythms and creating call and response rhythms. They will then learn how events, actions and feelings within stories can be represented by pitch, dynamics and tempo.

Forest School

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

School Trips

We will be looking to organise both visitors to school and visits to other places over the year. Information will follow.

Homework

In order to support and consolidate your child's learning this term, homework will be given out on a Friday and due back the following Thursday.

Reading: Please hear your child read their school reading book regularly. These books must be brought into school each day and will be changed once they have been read at least three times. Please record in the Reading Record book that your child has been heard to read.

Spellings: A spelling list will come home on a Friday. Please work on these spellings each day ready for their spelling challenge the following Thursday.

Maths: Home learning for maths will initially focus on numbers and counting.

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.

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 – This happens termly. One person from each class who we feel consistently demonstrates the school values, will be chosen to be awarded with a Governor Award. These children will be presented with a gold 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 stationery, equipment or a pencil case for their lessons as we will provide pencils etc. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named.

We welcome you to Year 2 and look forward to teaching your children.