



## Welcome Back

Can you believe it's 2025 already?! You've done and learnt so many wonderful things so far in Year 5, but we're just getting started. From reading King Kong in English, discovering how the Mars Rovers work in Computing, discovering all about how Ancient Greece impacts us in 2025, to learning an African song in Music, we're going to really be broadening our horizons this term!

Read on to find out all about what we're up to this spring. As always, please do check in to ClassDojo regularly for important updates like school events! Please feel free to message us with any questions you may have.

Enjoy!

- Miss Mitchener and Miss Vincent

### English

This term in English, the children will:

- Cement their knowledge of more complex grammar and punctuation
- Explore different text types to expand their reading and writing skills
- Write narratives, formal reports and balanced arguments
- Become more confident with word types, prefixes, suffixes, and spellings

### Maths

This term in Maths, the children will:

- Revisit multiplication and division, exploring column multiplication and short division
- Revisit fractions, learning how to multiply and find fractions of amounts
- Explore decimals and percentages
- Find the area and perimeter of various shapes, including compound shapes
- Look at different ways of presenting data within tables and charts

### History

This half term we will be studying Ancient Greece, exploring how they had an impact on modern times, how they lived, and what they believed.

### Science

For the first half term, we will be looking at life cycles and reproduction, including how Miss Mitchener's crazy spider plants are able to sprout little babies! After half term, we'll look at space. We'll be covering the planets, how day and night work, and the moon!

### Geography

After the half term break, we will be studying oceans, looking at what environmental dangers it faces, the Great Barrier Reef, and how we can help.

### PE

On Tuesdays, PE will be dance and then gymnastics with Miss Mitchener. With the coach, the children will learn handball and then OAA on Wednesday afternoons. 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 just in case.

### French (for KS2)

This term we will be looking at shopping in France, learning numbers for prices and basic conversational skills, followed by researching countries where French is spoken and looking at travel.

### Computing

Our first computing lesson will be E-Safety before we move onto binary code in our Mars Rover I unit and then learning all about micro-bits.

### Trips

We are currently looking into a trip out of school for Spring 2 as well as planning an opportunity for parents to come in to see our artwork towards the end of Spring 1. More details to follow!

### 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. 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 Friday your child's spelling list will be sent home. Please practise these spellings each day ready for their spelling test on the following Friday.

**Maths** – On a Friday, your child's Maths homework will be sent home. This will be appropriate to their learning within class and should be returned to school before the following 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, celebrating their achievements.

**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 teacher will select 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. Please also provide essential stationery if possible or contact the office to order a stocked pencil case.

### Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge organisers detailing what we are learning about in each unit including key vocabulary and points of interest will be sent home with homework. There will also be a digital copy on ClassDojo. It's encouraged to discuss this with your child to see what they're learning about and if they have understood what's been covered. If you have any concerns or queries, please message on ClassDojo.

We look forward to a fun filled term.