



Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone! We're very pleased you're joining us, with either Mrs Willett in Sycamore class or Miss Mitchener in Redwood. We have so many exciting topics to look forwards to in Year 5, and hope you're just as thrilled as us to get started!

We hope you've had a relaxing and fun Summer and are ready to get started learning things like what crime and punishment has looked like over history, how to sing 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes' in French and how to create drawings on computers such as company logos. We're particularly excited about all the fun experiments we're going to be carrying out in Science!

We also say welcome to all of the parents and carers, and remind you that we are always here to help if you have any concerns or questions. Please catch us on the gate or send us a message on ClassDojo if you'd like to discuss anything. We also look forward to seeing you at 'Meet the Teacher' on Monday from 3.30 – 4.30pm.

Mrs Willett and Miss Mitchener

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Focus on exploration of text
- Enhance their vocabulary and recognize its importance
- Recall the rules for writing speech
- Write a narrative and a formal report

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will:

- Solidify their understanding of place value up to 1,000,000
- Add and subtract four-digit numbers
- Recognise how to read and create various charts
- Multiply and divide by 10, 100, and 1,000
- Recall finding the area and perimeter of shapes

History

Our first topic this term is Crime and Punishment. We will be exploring how this has varied throughout time, from the Romans all the way to present day.

Science

This term we will be looking at properties and changes in materials with lots of hands-on experimenting to test things such as suitability to preparing food.

Geography

After the half term break, we will begin focusing on our map skills. We will explore grid references, compasses, and then move on to reading maps and creating our own.

PE

This half-term, Sycamore will be having PE on a Wednesday with a coach. Redwood will begin their PE slot after the half-term break. 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 as the weather gets colder through the term.

RE

We will be starting with the religion of Islam and the importance of the Qur'an, and then moving onto how God communicates with Christians after the half term break.

French (for KS2)

For the first half-term, Sycamore will be looking at body parts, adjectives, and verbs in French. Redwood will begin their French lessons after the half-term break.

Computing

We will look at online safety to begin with, moving on to understanding how networks and sharing information works before finishing the term with creating and designing vectors.

Forest School

Forest School is Wednesday this half-term for Redwood. Sycamore will then take over this slot after half-term. Please refer to the school website and click on the 'Forest School' tab for more information.

Trips/Visits

We are hoping to have a visit from a PCSO this term as part of our History 'Crime and Punishment' topic. We will confirm the date once everything is booked. More information will 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 a day 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.

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 there will be a number-focused task sent home or uploaded on ClassDojo. 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 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 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 can bring in their own pencil case with the following items: pencils x 2; ruler; 1 x eraser; 1 x pencil sharpener and a glue stick. Handwriting pens will be given out by the school for your child's use. Their pencil case must fit within the drawers – so nothing too large please.