



Welcome Back to 2022

Welcome to the Spring Term. Seems really weird saying this when there is frost on the ground. We hope you had a wonderful festive break and managed to get time to spend it with family. Life in school is running along smoothly and the children are into a really good routine and showing us that they are maturing well. This term as everyone is, is exciting with plenty of new topics and themes to explore. We are hoping to go on a school trip later in the first half of this term – we will keep you posted about this.

We both use Class Dojo to report what the children have been up to in class and to give you important updates. Thank you for frequently checking on this. We actively encourage feedback, so, please do comment on the posts.

Swimming will be on a Friday. Holly Class is the first half of the Spring Term and Oak will be the second half. PE remains the same for Oak Class on a Monday and Thursday, and for Holly Class it is a Tuesday. Monday sessions will commence again after half term.

Miss Callum and Mrs Clarke

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Learn to immerse themselves in the class text we are using
- Learn to analyse this text in a variety of ways
- Learn to plan and gather ideas for their own writing
- Write a set of instructions, a persuasive letter, a mythical narrative and a narrative to change the ending of a traditional tale.
- We will also focus on various elements of grammar to support the children with their writing.

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will focus on:

- Fractions – subtracting and adding, equivalent and fraction of amounts
- Measurement – area
- Multiply and Divide - 2 and 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number
- Decimal – recognising tenths and hundredths and multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100

History

During the first half of the term we will look at the Romans. The children will find out about life before the Roman invasion of Britain and then investigate areas of entertainment, army, building and engineering, Boudicca's rebellion and the legacy the Romans left us, culminating in a school trip to St Albans, one of Britain's oldest Roman cities.

Science

For the first half, the topic will be 'states of matter'. We will look at different types of matter: liquids, solids and gases. We will see how evaporation and condensation occurs and what makes it rain! After half term, we will do our unit on 'Electricity'. We will build a circuit, work out what is a good and bad conductor and look at the various technical vocabulary and symbols used in electricity.

Geography

After the half term break, our unit will be about 'Rivers'. We will look at the journey of a river and how it is born. The children will understand how the water cycle works and will discover and learn about some of the greatest rivers of the world.

PE

As with last term your child will change into their PE kit at school. They are getting much quicker at this! However please do make sure all items are named and in a named drawstring bag as they do tend to lose a few items and it makes it so much easier if they are named to find them. You will need to refer to the uniform policy on the website for the full kit list. As far as possible PE will continue to be outside, so please ensure they have warmer PE kit as the weather can be very changeable.

RE

We are going to be understanding what a 'Pilgrimage' is and the meaning they have for different religions and then look at temptation and beliefs. We will end the term with the Easter Story.

French

French is going rather well and the children are picking up a really good basic knowledge. We are going to build on this and now start to look at knowing the different items of clothing and describe the weather.

Computing

Now that we have more devices in school, we can really push on with Computing. We will review E-Safety and its importance. Carry out various types of editing and look at how data is collected, recorded and then analysed.

Forest School

The children really look forward to their weekly Forest School sessions and Mrs May works closely with the curriculum to adapt tasks to tie in with what they are learning in class. Forest School for Oak is Wednesday and Holly a Thursday. Please refer to the school website and click on the 'Forest School' tab for more information and make sure your child brings their kit on their respective day.

Homework

It is vital that the following homework is done daily with your child as this will really enhance their learning in class and will also give them greater confidence and self-belief in what they are doing.

Reading – Studies have shown that a good writer tends to be a good reader, but just that you are a good reader does not correlate that you are a good writer too. So, please hear your child read their school reading book daily for 20 minutes using one or two questions from the reading bookmark every time. These questions are so important to do, as it helps with your child's understanding of what they are reading. Their reading book needs to come back into school each day. Please also record each time you have read with your child in their reading record.

Spellings – Please continue to practise the Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words and the Year 3 and 4 spellings (all of which are part of the National Curriculum)

Maths – In Year 4 the children will undertake a Government National test of their times tables. [Multiplication tables check: information video - YouTube](#) please practice, every day, their times tables. The children have access to [Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](#) where they are able to practise a particular times tables to all and a simulated version of the test they will take later in the Summer Term.

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. Please also check our Class Dojo page all the time for daily updates or messages with what the children have been up to.

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. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named.