



Welcome to Willow Class

Hello,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas holidays. We hope that you have had a restful break and that the children are looking forward to all the learning and experiences in this term. We look forward to seeing you at 'Meet the Teacher' event and sharing our classroom with you.

A reminder for your diaries - P.E will be on Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons, so please ensure all PE kits are fully labelled - they can remain in school until half-term.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Y6 team.

Kind regards

Mrs Willett, Miss White-Jones, Mrs Burgess, Miss Wright & Miss Rose.

English

This term in English, the children will be:

- Writing a discovery narrative and explanation text based on the book: *Origin of Species* – Charles Darwin.
- Continue to develop their skills on immersing and analysing the text - becoming familiar with the text's structure.
- Build on previous units, they will focus on the difference between vocabulary of informal speech and vocabulary.
- Develop their understanding of how words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms.
- Linking ideas within and across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices – adverbials.

Maths

In Maths, the children will consolidate their skills and knowledge on:

- The four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages.
- SAT style 2-step word problems.
- Fluency of all multiplication tables.

History

This half term, we will be learning how the census tells us about the people living in our area. The children will also be learning about who Mary Bucktrout was and about the key events in her life.

Science

For the first half term, we will be studying Evolution and Inheritance. The second part of the term, they will be learning all about Energy: Circuits, batteries and switches.

Geography

After the half term break, we will begin our geography topic. We will be researching where does our energy come from and why is energy important. We will be looking at what renewable energy is and how does the UK generate energy.

PE

PE will be on a Tuesday & Wednesday afternoon. Your child will change into their PE kit at school so please make sure all items are named. You will need to refer to the uniform policy on the website for the full kit list. Please note the children can wear their Y6 hoodie during their PE lessons.

RE

For the first half of the term, we will be learning about Why is it better to be there in person, and what can make a space significant?

Computing

We will be learning about keeping safe online - creating a positive online reputation plus research about data handling.

Art/Design Technology

This art unit focuses on teaching the children to explore Street Art and how to draw their own expressive idea. They will then have the opportunity to plan and draw their own Street art and display it in school.

PSHE:

This term we will be learning about: Health and the changing body. Physical & emotional changes of puberty and then towards the end of the term - First Aid: basic life support.

Music:

We will be learning themes of variations: Pop Art, A guide to the orchestra, Learning the theme and Exploring rhythms.

School Trips

We have organised a Year 6 residential for this year, in addition to this the children will be undertaking in our Enterprise scheme. Further information will follow.

Homework

In order to support and consolidate your child's learning, homework will be given out on a Friday and due back the following Thursday. We will go through the homework together in school.

Reading: Please hear your child read their school reading book regularly. These books must be bought into school each day and please record in the Reading Record book that your child has been heard to read.

Spellings: These will come home on a Friday - please work on these spellings each day ready for their spelling challenge the following Thursday.

Maths & English: This term's home learning will focus on Maths and English through SATs-style challenges.

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 can bring in their own pencil case, with a blue writing pen, pencil, ruler and glue stick.

We look forward to working closely with you and your child to support them in reaching their full potential over the final two terms at Overstone Combined School.