



Welcome to the Class of 2025-2026

Welcome everyone to Year 6 Willow Class.

We are really pleased to welcome you back and hope you had a good summer. We are all really excited to be part of your child's journey and look forward to teaching a range of topics over the year. As a team, we look forward to meeting you all on Monday 22nd September, 3:30-4:30pm to welcome you to Year 6. This will be an opportunity to look around the classroom and the wonderful environment that has been created for the children to learn in and to answer any questions you may have.

We are in the process of finalising our Residential trip for next year – further details to follow. This is a wonderful experience for all the children to build long lasting friendships and undertake teambuilding activities. We will also have our leavers hoodies to look forward to – ordering and payment will be setup online and once all received, will be given out to the children. Below we have listed the learning that the children will be doing this term. Knowledge Organisers for each teaching unit will be sent home as a paper copy and also put onto Class Dojo. These will be useful to know what key points are being covered and also to help children with new vocabulary for each subject.

We love to keep you up to date of what has been happening in the world of Year 6, so please make sure you look out for updates on Class Dojo. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us via Class Dojo or the office.

Kind regards

Year 6 team

Mrs Willett, Miss Wright, Miss Pacey & Mrs Burgess ☺

English - This first half term in English, the children will be studying two books, the first being 'Rose Blanche and The Story of Anne Frank'. They will write narratives, poems and a speech for an award ceremony. In the second half of the term will be studying a book called 'A Story Like the Wind' which follows the challenge of a refugee's journey.

Maths - This term in Maths, the children will focus on:

- Place Value – looking at numbers to 10 million
- Use the four operations, add, subtract, multiply and divide
- Fractions
- Converting Units of Measurements
- Problem Solving

History - In the first half of the term we will turn our focus to History and we will be studying the impact World War 2 had on Britain.

Geography - Our topic in the second half term will be to explore how the population has changed over time.

Science - For the first half term, the topic is living things: big & small. The children will be learning how to classify animals and their habitats throughout the world and where they live. For the second part of the term we will plan and carry out a series of investigations on energy, light and reflection.

PE - This term PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. PLEASE ensure all items are named and in a named drawstring bag. As far as possible PE will be outside, so please ensure they have warmer PE kit as the weather gets colder through the term. Year 6 will be allowed to wear their 'Leavers Hoodies' for PE. This term we will be doing Football, Tag Rugby, Netball and Hockey.

RE - The children will be learning all about why religion looks different around the world.

French - This term we will be learning about French Sports in particular the Olympics.

Computing - We will look at online safety to begin with and finding out about Bletchley Park and this history of computers.

Homework - will be set on a Friday and to be returned on a Thursday. It will be made up of:

- Reading – It is important that children in Year 6 are reading for at least 20-30 minutes a day. It is important that they regularly read a range of different books for enjoyment. There will be occasionally other tasks that are based around topics such as research or creating something.
- Spellings – Spelling lists will come home and be tested every Thursday.
- Maths – A challenge sheet or online task will be set based on the current learning to enable the children to reinforce their understanding and enable them to become fluent.

It is imperative that children carry out their homework as independently as possible. The work set is for children and I will talk to the children about it being their responsibility and how they can manage their time to complete it.

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, football trophies or riding achievements.

Weekly certificate – one child in each class will receive a values certificate in celebration assembly for showing the school values.

Governor award – this is awarded to someone who 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 named drinks bottle filled with water which can be refilled throughout the day. Your child should have a pencil case (that will fit in their tray) with a: 30cm ruler, 2 named writing pencils, rubber, glue stick, sharpener and a packet of colouring pencils. Please ensure where possible all these items are clearly named. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named when appropriate.

Mobile Phones - whilst these are not allowed in school, we do appreciate children in Year 6 may need them if they walk home from school. This being the case, they should be handed into a Year 6 team member on entering the school, where they will be kept securely until the end of the day. They CANNOT be used whilst in school under any circumstances.

We welcome you to Year 6 and look forward to teaching your children.