



Welcome Back

We are really pleased to welcome you back and hope you have had a restful holiday enjoying whatever you got up to. It is good to be back to some form of normality and routine, doing what we both love; we are sure you and the children feel the same way too! This term is always an exciting one with plenty of new topics and themes to explore.

We are looking forward to meeting you all next week – Thursday 9th September 2.30 pm – to welcome you to Year 4 and explain the year ahead. Please feel free to introduce yourselves to Mrs Clarke and Miss Callum at the end of the day to help them get to know you all.

PE for Oak Class will be on a Monday and Thursday, for Holly Class it will be a Monday and Tuesday. Children will be going back to normal in terms of changing before the lesson. Please ensure that a PE kit (fully labelled) is in school all the time.

Our fabulous team of TA's this year are: Miss Brain, Mrs Dye, Miss Sullivan and Miss Wright.

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 narrative about a setting and newspaper report
- We will also focus on sentence structure, pronouns and inverted commas

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will focus on:

- Place Value – compare, order and round
- Roman Numerals
- Adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers
- Multiplying and dividing by 3, 6, 7 and 9 – recap 2, 5 & 10
- Negative Numbers
- Measurement – length and perimeter
- Add and subtract in 1s, 10s, 100s and 1,000s
- Multiply and divide by 10 and 100

History

Our first topic this term is the Anglo Saxons. The children will be finding out about who they were, why they settled here in Britain and looking at their way of life. We will also look at Sutton Hoo, Beowulf and King Arthur and King Alfred the Great.

Science

For the first half term, the topic we will be covering is 'Humans' – digestion and teeth. We will look at what happens to food when we ingest and digest it and relating this to why teeth are of importance to the digestive system. After half term, we will begin our topic on 'Sound' and will look at how it is made.

Geography

After the half term break, we will begin our geography topic, "migration". We will look at all types of migration in particular to human migration. Why it happens, the laws and how it is measured.

PE

This term your child 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

The first half of the term the children will be looking at the Hindu religion. After half term we will be looking at Christmas and the importance of Mary.

French

This term we will be learning to describe people, know the numbers 1-30, days of the week, months and seasons.

Computing

We will look at online safety; from using the internet, websites, sharing of information and emails. Moving onto how to record various things such as a podcast, audio or digital recording after Half Term.

Forest School

Forest School day for Oak is Tuesday 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

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 daily for 20 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 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. At the meet the teacher meeting we will go through the best way to help your child to learn these words.

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 we will upload a number focus onto Class Dojo. 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 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.