



Welcome to Beech Class

I hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday and you are all ready for the new term ahead. Spring Term is a busy and exciting term which allows the children to make great progress in their learning and gives them the opportunity to discover new things.

This term, we will continue to build upon the children's previous term's progress and having a particular focus on reading and writing development. Book bags (reading records) will be needed daily with this. We shall be also aiming to further develop the children's independence as learners and problem solvers. Knowledge Organisers for Foundation Subjects will be sent home, before starting each unit via Class Dojo, as well as in paper form. Please feel free to speak to me when you collect your child at the end of the school day or contact me via Class Dojo.

Mrs Bazell will be supporting in class Monday and Tuesday, and Miss Rose will be supporting Wednesday to Friday. Mrs May will be teaching children in our Forest School on Tuesday afternoons. Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. A coach will be teaching P.E. on Thursday afternoon.

English

This term in English, the children will be studying the book *Hermelin, the Detective Mouse* by Mini Grey. Through this text they will:

- Focus on writing detective narratives.
- Learn to write letters.
- Reinforce the plural noun suffix of adding -s, -es and joining words and clauses using -and, because, so.

Maths

This term in Mathematics, the children will:

- Learn about place value within 20 (sort and count objects, recognise numbers as words, count on from any number, count backwards, compare objects, compare numbers, read a number line, use a number line).
- Add and Subtract within 20.
- Place value within 50.
- Measurement of length, height, mass and volume.

History

In History, the children will learn about the evolution of toys. They will make comparisons between toys in the past and present and they will learn to sequence artefacts from different periods of time. They will identify changes between teddy bears today and those from 100 years ago as well as being able to describe how toys have changed over time.

Science

The Science focus this term is 'Animals including Humans – Sensitive Bodies'. The children will learn to name body parts for animals and humans and identify body parts linked with each sense. They will compare and group data and learn to use it to answer questions.

Geography

After the half term break, the children will explore the map of United Kingdom, learning about the four countries of U.K. and their capital cities. They will learn about the weather in UK and find out about hot and cold places in UK.

PE

PE will be on Thursday and Friday afternoon. The children will change into their PE kit for every lesson so this needs to be available in school, throughout the term. This term we shall be focusing on sending and receiving skills (ball skills) and dance.

Art

We shall focus on sculptures, creating simple three-dimensional shapes and structures using familiar materials. The children will develop skills in manipulating paper and card. They will fold, roll and scrunch materials to make their own sculptures.

RE

Throughout this term, the children will be investigating the roles of God through stories and sacred texts, children look at the things God does and what this means to different people.

Computing

This term, the children will develop keyboard and mouse skills through designing, building and testing individual rockets. They will create a digital list of materials, using drawing software and recording data.

Design Technology

After half term, we will focus on learning textiles skills. The children will explore methods of joining fabric, they will design and make a character-based hand puppet using a preferred joining technique, before decorating it.

They will also continue to develop their understanding of mechanisms, learning how to make a moving story book.

Forest School

Our Forest School day is Tuesday, with Mrs May and Mrs Bazell. Please refer to the school website and click on the 'Forest School' tab for more information.

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 regularly and to use the questions in the back of the book to develop your child's comprehension. These books need to come back into school each day and will be changed once your child has read the book at least three times. Please record each time you have read with your child in their reading record.

We will upload phonics videos to support with learning the phonics sounds, using these to word build raising every individual's level of reading.

Phonics – Please help your child watch the RWI videos posted on Class Dojos. They should watch a video a day to reinforce their phonics learning.

Handwriting – Please help your child practise letters and numbers formation every day. Each Friday a new handwriting task will be sent home for the week.

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 Tuesday I will send home a number focus. This could be practising counting, recall of number bonds, etc.

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 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 teacher's will 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 make sure your child has a waterproof/warm coat for school which is clearly named.

Educational Visits

We are excited to announce a Guide Dog and Speaker's visit to school on 31st of January, to support and enhance our children's knowledge of Senses in Science. Please donate what you can to the amazing charity for Guide Dogs which makes a huge difference to blind people's life. More information on www.guidedogs.org.uk/donate. Thank you!

This term, we have planned a trip to Woburn Safari Park on 24th March, we will send more information in due course.