



Welcome Back

Can you believe it's the last term already?! You've done and learnt so many wonderful things so far this year, but we're saving the best 'til last. With swimming this term in PE and after our amazing trip to the Space Centre as part of our Science unit, we've got some truly awesome things lined up for you and intend to end Year 5 with a bang!

Read on to find out all about what we're up to this last term of Year 5. As always, please do check in to ClassDojo regularly for important updates like school events! Please feel free to message us with any questions you may have.

Enjoy!

- Miss Mitchener and Mrs Willett

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Cement their knowledge of more complex grammar and punctuation
- Explore different text types to expand their reading and writing skills
- Write narratives, guides and formal reports
- Become more confident with word types, prefixes, suffixes, and spellings

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will:

- Revisit decimals, including adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing
- Look at the various properties of different shapes
- Explore direction and position in geometry
- Learn about converting different units of measurement

History

This half term we will be learning all about ancient Islamic civilisations, with a really interesting look into the Middle Eastern 1001 Nights folktales.

Science

For the first half term, we will be looking at space! We'll be covering the planets, how day and night work, and the moon. After half term, we'll look at a human timeline, including foetal development, puberty, growth, and change.

Geography

After the half term break, we will be looking at biomes and how we can help save the planet.

PE

This term PE will be on Tuesdays. Sycamore will have PE for the first half term, and Redwood will begin after the break. Children 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 just in case. They will also be going swimming on Fridays with Mr Winyard. Please refer to the letter sent home for more details or message us with any queries.

RE

We will be looking at inspiration within Christianity, focusing on the Holy Spirit, and after half-term will look at how religion fits into and helps the wider world.

French (for KS2)

This term we will be looking at family members and describing appearance, followed by the French solar system. Sycamore will have French in the first half term and Redwood will begin after the break.

Computing

We have introduced the website 'CEOPs' and 'thinkuknow' to support children being safe online. In class, we will look at programming/coding, and then creating our own quizzes.

Forest School

Our Forest School day is Tuesday. Please refer to the school website and click on the 'Forest School' tab for more information. Redwood will be doing Forest School for the first half term, and Sycamore will begin after the break.

Trips

We have taken a trip to the Leicester Space Centre in the first week of half term, and will be speaking with parents regarding the in-school, one-night only camping event.

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 for 10 – 15 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. Your child will also bring home a library book for you to share together. These need to be in school on a Wednesday as this is when we will change them. 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 Tuesday your child's spelling list will be sent home. Please practise these spellings each day ready for their spelling test on the following Tuesday.

Maths – On a Tuesday, your child's Maths homework will be sent home. This will be appropriate to their learning within class and should be returned to school before the following Tuesday.

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 should bring in their own stationery (preferably labelled with their names!) but we will be able to provide handwriting pens. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named.