



Welcome Back

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and that your children are looking forward to returning to a whole new terms' learning.

As a class the children have made great steps since September but one thing I would really like to push at home is the importance of times tables especially as most of our maths unit this term is Multiplication and Division. If children know their times tables it makes the maths lessons easier and more enjoyable for them as they are more confident.

Below you will see a breakdown of the curriculum for Spring and information on PE, Homework and Forest school days. **Please note there are some changes to PE days and Forest School please check below.**

Kind Regards

Mr Winyard and Miss Rose

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Read and write Fables and information reports
- Learn how to discuss the structure and language features of the text
- Develop planning skills and writing using effective vocabulary, grammar and punctuation.

Maths

This term in maths, the children will:

- Multiplication and Division
- Length and Perimeter
- Fractions
- Mass and Capacity

Science

This term, the topic we will be covering Forces and Magnets. We will find out what a force is and investigate how different forces affect objects.

Geography

Our Geography topic is Mountains, Earthquakes and Volcanoes. We start by looking at what the difference between a mountain and a hill is, then identifying mountains found in the UK. We will then discover what makes a mountain a volcano and how Earthquakes happen and how this disrupts lives of people in that area.

History

We will be investigating the life of Stone age people. Where they lived, how they hunted and what they ate.

PE

This term your child will be having PE on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons. Your child will change into their PE kit at school so make sure 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 3 will be doing Dance, Gymnastics and Football this term.

RE

We will be looking at Hinduism, Easter and Passover.

French

This term we will be learning numbers.

Computing

We will be studying networks and how computers talk to each other. We will also continue with e-safety and how to respond to report and respond messages that worry us.

Forest School

Our Forest School day is **Tuesday**. Please refer to the school website and click on the 'Forest School' tab for more information.

Trips

I am currently looking at organising our next trip for after half term. More information to come soon.

Homework

In order to support and consolidate your child's learning this term we expect all of the following homework to be done daily: Homework sheets will be on a Thursday to Thursday basis.

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 Thursday your child will be given a spelling list. Please practise these spellings each day ready for their spelling test on the following Thursday.

Maths – Maths sheets will be provided for your child as well as a homework book for activities to be completed or stuck into. These will be based upon what we are currently learning.

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. Children's equipment should be labelled.