



## Autumn is here!

We hope that you and your families had an enjoyable and restful Summer break. It has been lovely to welcome the children into school and hear all of their news. We would like to say hello to all our new children and families and hope you soon feel settled at Overstone.

We are available to speak to briefly at the start of the day, at the end of the day and you can always contact us through the school email – [admin@overstone-wing.org](mailto:admin@overstone-wing.org) – or via Class Dojo.

Mrs Van Danzig and Miss Seaman

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area of development will be a main focus as the children build relationships with new children and adults. We will be focusing on taking turns and sharing toys and resources with their friends.

### Physical Development

We will have P.E. lessons once a week on a Thursday afternoon. The children will have the opportunity to develop and refine a range of skills, including climbing, jumping, hopping and skipping. Please send the children in with trainers to keep in their bags for Thursdays. Please can all children wear jogging bottoms/or leggings on Thursday to enable them to move freely.

### Communication and Language

This term, children will be encouraged to use language to describe face and body parts. We will look at familiar relationships within our families. We will explore using our different senses. We do this in a number of ways for example through games, discussions, circle times and modelling conversations for the children.

### Literacy

We will be focusing on the re-telling of well-known stories and developing the children's repertoire of songs/rhymes and their mark making skills. The children will continue to experience a range of texts in order to encourage a love of books and reading throughout their lives. Our focus books will be The Gingerbread Man, Thumbelina, Dear Zoo, 5 Minutes' Peace, We're Going On A Bear hunt and Owl Babies.

Our focus songs/rhymes are 5 little ducks, 5 little specked frogs, hickory dickory dock.

### Mathematics

This term will focus on consolidating the children's knowledge of numbers up to 5 and understanding the different ways in which we can make these numbers. For example, 3 can be made up of 1 and 2, 2 and 1 and so on. We will be developing their subitising skills where children can instantly recognise the number of items in a group without counting them. We will also be exploring shapes and developing spatial awareness, including making shapes and recognizing that a shape can have other shapes within it.

### **Forest school**

We will be taking advantage of our wonderful Forest School provision on a weekly basis every Wednesday with Mrs May. We will be linked to our topic this term of 'Who am I?' and exploring the changes that are happening in the environment, such as leaves changing colour and falling from the trees.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will encourage the children to access a variety of resources which they can then use to model, paint and create collages. We will provide opportunities for the children to use their imagination in role-play and using a variety of small world toys. They will also have the opportunity to explore the sounds of different musical instruments and learn new songs and rhymes. We will be using a variety of tools and textures and doing experimental pattern printing.

### **Cookery**

We will be developing our skills this term by becoming more independent in following recipes and creating our own. We will be making fruit salad, fruit faces and toast.

### **Sharing**

Please share any photos of celebrations or traditions within your family, so that the children can see that special times can be celebrated in different ways. We will share these at carpet time and will also use them on our displays.

### **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 for 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, and as the weather gets cooler - a warm, waterproof coat which is clearly named. Thank you!