



Welcome to Oak Class

Hello,

It has been lovely to meet the children and take on the role of class teacher after the Christmas holidays. We hope that you have had a restful break and that the children are looking forward to all the learning and experiences in the year ahead! We look forward to seeing you at 'Meet the Teacher' event and sharing our classroom with you.

For your diaries – Swimming will be on a Friday morning and P.E will be on a Thursday afternoon. Forest School will take place on a Monday morning. Please ensure all Swimming, PE and Forest School kits are fully labelled. PE kits can remain in school until half-term.

Kind regards

Miss King, Miss Brandrith and Miss Ashall.

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Focus on a twisted/mythical narrative as our first text followed by persuasive writing
- After half-term, we will be writing setting descriptions in the form of a narrative followed by an informative leaflet
- Learn to analyse texts, becoming familiar with their structure and applying them to our own writing
- Concentrate on drafting, revising and editing their independent writing

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will consolidate and develop:

- Multiplication and division, including factors and factor pairs
- Length and perimeter
- Fractions and decimals

History

We will be learning about how children's lives were different in the past and we will be making comparisons between children's lives in the past and present. We will compare first and secondary sources and learn about how they support us with developing an understanding of what life was like for children in the past

Science

For the first half term, we will be studying Materials: States of matter, followed by Energy: sounds and vibrations after half-term.

Geography

After the half term break, we will begin our geography topic, "Where does our food come from?"

PE

This term your child will be having Swimming on a Friday and PE on Thursday. Your child will change into their PE kit at school so please 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.

RE

For the first half of the term, we will be learning about beliefs, and consider their importance to a range of individual in both religious, personal and community values.

Computing

We will look at Data Handling: investigating weather, as well as the importance of online safety.

Art/Design Technology

We will be exploring Painting and mixed media: Light and Dark an art, followed by Mechanical Systems: Making a slingshot car, in DT, after half-term.

PSHE:

This half-term we will be learning about different families and relationships, followed by Health and Wellbeing.

Music:

Next half term, we will be exploring Samba and carnival sounds and instruments.

Forest School

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

School Trips

We will be looking to organise both visitors to school and visits to other places over the year. Information will follow.

Homework

In order to support and consolidate your child's learning this term, homework will be given out on a Friday and due back the following Thursday.

Reading: Please hear your child read their school reading book regularly. These books must be bought into school each day and will be changed once they have been read at least three times. Please record in the Reading Record book that your child has been heard to read.

Spellings: A spelling list will come home on a Friday. Please work on these spellings each day ready for their spelling challenge the following Thursday.

Maths: Home learning for maths will initially focus on numbers and counting.

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.

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 – This happens termly. One person from each class who we feel consistently demonstrates the school values, will be chosen to be awarded with a Governor Award. These children will be presented with a gold 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 stationery, equipment or a pencil case for their lessons as we will provide pencils etc. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named.

I look forward to teaching your children this term.