



## Summer has arrived!

We hope that you and your families had an exciting and fun filled Easter break. It has been lovely to see the children back in school and hear all of their news. We would like to welcome all our new children and families. 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.

### Physical Development

This term, we will have P.E. lessons once a week, on a Friday morning. The children will have the opportunity to develop and refine a range of skills, including ball control, stopping, spatial awareness and turn taking. Please send the children in with trainers to keep in their bags for Fridays. Please can all children wear jogging bottoms/or leggings on Friday to enable the children to move freely.

### Communication and Language

This term, children will be encouraged to use language to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly and a frog. We will watch our caterpillars grow and change into beautiful butterflies. We will attempt to grow our own beans and sunflowers, as well as herbs, carrots and potatoes in school. During this term Pre-school will look at sea creatures and their habitats. We hope to increase the children's vocabulary with this theme and do this in a number of ways for example through games, discussions, circle times and modelling conversations for the children.

### Literacy

This term, 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 Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, The Frog Prince, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Danny the Duck, Spinderella, The Very Lazy Ladybird, The 3 little Pigs, Rosie's Walk, On the Way Home, The Train Ride and Whatever Next.

Our focus songs/rhymes are Little Bow Peep, 1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive, I'm a little teapot, Two little dickie birds, Dingle dangle scarecrow, The Grand old Duke of York, Jack and Jill, One, two, buckle my shoe and Row, row, row, your boat.

### Mathematics

This term will continue 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 also be developing their subitising skills. We will 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 Tuesday, with Mrs May leading the session and will be linked to our topic this term of 'How are butterflies made?' We will also be exploring the changes that are happening in the environment, such as new flowers/plants growing in forest school, and changes in the environment.

### **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 Porridge and Fruit salad.

### **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 etc milestones.

### **Equipment**

Please send your child in each day with a clearly named drinks bottle, filled with water which can be refilled throughout the day. A warm, waterproof coat and wellies and a bag with a change of clothes in it. A named Sunhat and suncream to be applied before Pre-school. Please can we ask that all uniform and personal belongings are clearly named. Thank you!