



Welcome to the Class of 2022/23

Welcome everyone to Willow Class Year 6 of 2022/23.

We are really pleased to welcome you back and hope you have had a restful holiday enjoying whatever you got up to. We are both really excited to be part of your child's journey this year and are looking forward to meeting you all next week – Monday 12th September 3.30 – 4.30 pm – to welcome you to Willow Class, Year 6. This will be an opportunity to look around the classroom and the wonderful environment that has been created for the children to learn in and to answer any questions you may have.

We have the first part of our residential trip 21-23 September to Broughton Woods in Northampton under the leadership of The Bushcraft Company. This is going to be a wonderful experience for all the children and to build long lasting friendships. We will also have our leavers hoodies to look forward to too. More details as to when they are due to arrive and when they can be worn will be issued separately.

We love to keep you up to date of what has been happening in the world of Willow Class, so make sure you look out for daily updates on Class Dojo.

Mrs Clarke and Mrs Dye

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Learn what is a 'flashback' narrative and how to plan and write a successful one
- Learn how to plan and write a newspaper report
- Understand how words are related by meanings
- Review old and new spellings patterns
- Undertake daily Guided Reading sessions

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will focus on:

- Place Value – looking at numbers to 10 million
- Use the four operations, add, subtract, multiply and divide
- Fractions
- Converting Units of Measurements
- Problem Solving
- Fluency of Times Tables

Geography

Our topic in the first half term will be to explore our local area and then compare it to in the Alps and Mexico.

History

In the second half of the term we will turn our focus to History and the British Industrial Revolution. The children will learn about cotton spinning, steam engines, the use of iron and coal, canals and trains.

Science

For the first half term, the topic is Habitats. The children will be learning how to classify animals and their habitats throughout the world and where they live. For the second part of the term we will plan and carry out a series of electrical circuit investigations and then carry out a line of enquiry to explore the effects of voltage on electrical circuit components.

PE

This term PE will be on a Monday and Thursday. PLEASE ensure 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 as the weather gets colder through the term. Willow Class Year 6 will be allowed to wear their 'Leavers Hoodies' for PE.

RE

The first half of the term the children will be learning all about the Saints and Christian martyrs through the years and then in the second half of the term understand what is meant by the Christmas Story.

French

This term we will be learning about French Sports in particular the Tour de France. They will then learn how to develop their reading, listening and speaking through football.

Computing

We will look at online safety to begin with and then 3-D modelling.

Forest School

Due to the commitments of the Year 6 Curriculum, we have made a couple of changes to benefit the children and allow us to fit everything in without creating unnecessary pressure on the children. To achieve this we have split the class in half and whilst one half is at Forest School, the other half will be doing their PE and French. This will swap each half term. We will confirm the groupings in a separate message. Please refer to the school website and click on the 'Forest School' tab for more information and make sure your child brings their kit on their respective day.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Wednesday to be returned on a Monday. It will be made up of:

Reading – It is important that children in Year 6 are reading for at least 20-30 minutes a day.

Spellings – Tasks may be linked to the Common Words or the Spelling pattern being learnt that week. The children will be then tested on them in a meaningful way. This may require them to write them in a sentence or ensure they are being used in a piece of writing.

Maths – A sheet will be set based on the current learning to enable the children to reinforce their understanding and enable them to become fluent.

+ One other Curriculum Area – The children will be set one other piece of work. This could be from any other subject but will always be linked to the learning in class.

It is imperative that children carry out their homework as independently as possible. The work set is for children, not you. I will talk to the children about it being their responsibility and how they can manage their time to complete it.

No homework will be set until after the 11+ and our Residential.

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 have a pencil case (that will fit in their tray) with a: 30cm ruler, 2 named writing pencils, rubber, glue stick, sharpener and a packet of colouring pencils. Please ensure where possible all these items are clearly named. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named when appropriate.

Mobile Phones

Whilst these are not allowed in school, we do appreciate children in Year 6 may need them if they walk home from school. This being the case, they should be handed into either Mrs Clarke or Mrs Dye on entering school where they will be kept securely until the end of the day. They CANNOT be used whilst in school under any circumstances.