



Welcome Back



We hope that you had a relaxing and wonderful Christmas and your child is ready for the new term. This Spring term always seems to fly by, especially with plenty of new topics and themes to explore. We are hoping to arrange a visit to Tring Museum this term, in relation to our literacy book – Charles Darwin and the 'Origins of Species' so further details of the trip will follow. If your child has any books on Charles Darwin or fossils they would like to share, then please send them in for us to share.

We are looking forward to learning these new topics with your child this term, should you have any questions then please feel free to contact us via Class Dojo.

Kind regards

Mr Winyard and Mrs Willett

English

This term in English, the children will:

- Learn to explore language features in a text.
- Understand how to respond to questions from a text.
- Explore text features.
- Research animals and how they have adapted in their environments.
- Learn how to plan and then write about individual animals their habitats and how their environment has changed over time.
- Various Year 6 SPaG techniques.

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will cover:

- Decimals
- Percentages
- Algebra
- Measuring – converting units, perimeter, area and volume.
- Ratio

History

This term the children will be learning about medical practices of prehistoric civilisations ranging from: Ancient Egyptians; Greeks; Black Plague; Tudors; Victorians and to modern day medicines.

Science

For the first half term the children will be learning about the art of being human - blood composition and function. They will also explore about the heart; circulatory system; nutrients and having a healthy body. We will then go on to learn more about light and shadow in the second half of the term.

Geography

The second part of the term, the children will be learning about economic activity including trade links, understanding a supply link and investigate the highest value exports of different countries.

PE

Sycamore class will be having PE on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Willow Class will be on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Your child will change into their PE kit at school so make sure all items are named and in a named drawstring bag. Please refer to the uniform policy on the website for the full kit list, and note that leggings are not part of the PE uniform. As far as possible PE will be outside, so please ensure your child has warmer PE kit, as the weather gets colder through the term.

RE

The children will be learning various dress code for individual religions, discussing what do these items tell us.

French (for KS2)

This term Year 6 will be learning all about visiting a town in France: French directions to school, tourism and a family home.

Computing

We will look at online safety to begin with, and learn what are spreadsheets and how to produce them.

Forest School

Willow Forest School is on Thursday afternoon and Sycamore class will be on a Monday afternoon. Please refer to the school website and click on the 'Forest School' tab for more information.

Trips

We are hoping to take an educational visit to Tring Museum this term. We have booked our residential trip to Green Park in Aylesbury for June.

Homework

In order to support and consolidate your child's learning this term we expect all of the following homework to be done daily:

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. 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 Monday your child's spelling list will be uploaded onto Class Dojo. Please practise these spellings each day ready for their spelling test on the following Monday. At the meet the teacher meeting we will go through the best way to help your child to learn these words.

Maths & English – This term the children will be given SATs booklets to complete. They will be given particular sections to complete for homework, and we will mark their work together in school. It is imperative the work is completed, so we are able to go through together in school.

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 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 does not need any specific stationary, equipment or a pencil case for their lessons as we will provide pencils etc. If they would prefer to bring in their own equipment then please ensure everything is named and the pencil case is a sensible size. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named.