



Welcome to Elm Class

We hope that everyone has had a lovely break and are ready for the term ahead! A big thank you for our wonderful gifts for Christmas. We were very touched by your generosity.

We are very excited about the Spring term and cannot wait to explore plenty of new topics and themes. Knowledge Organisers will be sent home and uploaded onto Class Dojo. These will tell you a little more about what your child is studying for this half-term and will include vocabulary to learn at home. They may be useful to refer to.

Just a reminder that P.E will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday afternoon, and Forest School will take place on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure all P.E and Forest School kits are fully labelled and P.E kits can remain in school until half-term.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please message via ClassDojo and I will always do my best to answer you promptly.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Watkin, Miss. Kostorz and Miss. Crampton

English

This term in English, the children will be reading *The Bog Baby* by Jeanne Willis:

- They will write a story about finding an unusual creature, followed by instructions on how to build a habitat.
- Learn to analyse texts, becoming familiar with their structure.
- Concentrate on drafting, revising and editing their independent writing.

Maths

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

- Shape work – 2D and 3D shapes.
- Money work to include a focus on pence and pounds, comparing money, finding change and problem solving.
- Multiplication and division skills. Looking at grouping, arrays and recalling and using facts for the 2, 5 and 10 X tables.
- Length and Height work, learning to measure in centimetres and metres.
- Mass, Capacity and Volume skills. Measuring in grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres.

History

Our topic this first half-term is all about the History of Flight. How did we learn to fly? The children will be developing their knowledge of events beyond living memory and reinforcing their chronological understanding by looking at significant events in the history of flight on a timeline. They will also be learning about the individuals who contributed to the history of flight.

Science

For the first half term, we will be looking at *Uses of Everyday Materials*. We will be recognising that materials are suitable for specific purposes and understanding their properties, exploring how actions such as stretching and bending affect the shape of solid objects and comparing the suitability of materials by carrying out tests and recording data.

Geography

After the half term break, we will be looking at *Why our World is Wonderful*. The children will be learning about the world's wonders, the names and locations of the world's oceans and considering what is unique about the local area.

PE

This term your child will be having P.E on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. 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

The children will be learning about how we know if people have a special connection to God and after half-term, we will be learning about what a Prophet is.

Computing

This half term we will be learning about Computing systems and networks: Word processing and then Block Coding after half-term.

PSHE

For the first half-term, we will be continuing our work on Health and Well-being - developing a growth mindset, healthy diets and understanding dental hygiene. Our next topic will be Safety and the Changing Body. Developing an understanding of safety including medicines and an introduction to online safety; distinguishing secrets from surprises; naming body parts and looking at the concept of privacy. A letter will be coming out with more information about our second topic shortly.

Art/Design Technology

During the first half term our Art work is based on painting and the use of mixed media. After half-term, the children will be designing and building a Ferris Wheel and to end there will be a short Textiles project.

Music

The children will learn to sing folk songs and will be creating sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and the City. After half term, they will be developing their knowledge and understanding of dynamics using instruments and will be learning to compose and play rhythms to represent planets.

Forest School

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

School Trips

We have a very exciting trip booked to The Dehavilland Aircraft Museum this term.

Homework

In order to support and consolidate your child's learning this term, homework will be set on a Friday and due back the following Thursday. Please ensure that homework folders are in school every Thursday in order for us to update the folders with the previous spellings tests and the new homework. Thank you.

Reading: Please hear your child read their school reading book regularly and use the questions at the back of the book to develop your child's comprehension skills. **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. We are lucky enough to have two readers come in on a Monday and a Thursday.

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

Maths: A challenge sheet will be set based on the current learning to enable the children to reinforce their understanding and enable them to become fluent. On alternate weeks, homework will be set online on SplashLearn. It is imperative that children carry out their homework as independently as possible.

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 – termly the teacher's will 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. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat for school which is clearly named and appropriate clothing for the weather.