



Otters' (Year 3) Termly Overview Autumn 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so wonderful to be welcoming everyone back to school at the start of this new academic year. We hope you've all had a fantastic summer break and enjoyed a bit of normality!

It's lovely to see that the children have come back happy, excited and ready to learn. Here is the overview for what we will be learning over the coming term. We hope that you find it both helpful and informative.

If you have any questions about your child's school life or the curriculum overview, please don't hesitate to speak to one of us before or after school, or arrange an appointment.

Best wishes,

Mrs Charlotte Brown and Mrs Kayleigh Popplewell

Please ensure your child comes to school with the following named items every day.

- reading book and reading diary
- water bottle (containing water only please)
- coat
- packed lunch (if they are not having a hot school dinner)



Additional named items for specific days.

- **PE kit** - Tuesday and Wednesday (black shorts, white t-shirt and plimsoles/trainers)
In the interests of your child's safety, it is essential that they have correctly fitting, suitable PE shoes. If they don't, they will not be able to take part in the lesson. Long hair will need to be tied back and earrings removed (or covered). Thank you for your support with this.
- **Outdoor learning kit** - Our main session will usually be on a Friday. We will make links with all areas of our curriculum (so could be on any day at any time) and of course when the weather allows!
Please ensure it includes a suitable change of clothes, a waterproof coat and wellies/other suitable footwear. Unfortunately, without a kit, they may not be able to take part in the session. Thank you for your support with this.



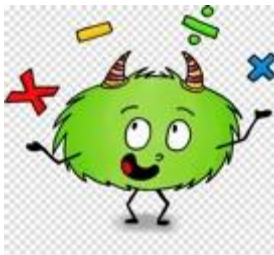
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Curriculum Overview - Information for Parents and Carers

Maths

We will be working on these areas:

- *place value
- *addition and subtraction
- *multiplication and division



English

We will be using the following key texts to inspire our fiction, non-fiction and poetry writing which will cover stories, instructions, explanations and haiku.



Science

Our science topics are:
Sensational Skeletons



Rocks and Fossils



History and Geography

Angry Earth and Dinosaurs



Computing

We will be revising e-safety, focusing on self image, identity and online interactions.

We will be developing our knowledge and skills in word processing, computational thinking and digital art. Projects will include using greenscreen to



In history, we will be answering key questions such as 'When did dinosaurs walk the earth?' and 'How do we know they existed?' and in geography, we will explore 'What is found underground?' and 'What causes volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and tornados?'

explore our skeletons and creating rock and soil digital collages and drawings.



Art and Design

We will draw our own fossil creatures, explore fossil printing and the work of Julius T. Csotony.



Design and Technology

We will be making moving dinosaurs by creating simple pneumatic systems.



Music

We will be developing musical knowledge and understanding through singing, playing, improvising, composing and listening, focusing on timbre, pulse and metre.



We will also continue to enjoy sessions with Father Philip.

RE

We will be exploring the questions:

What do Christians learn from the creation story?

What is the 'Trinity' and why is it important for Christians?



French

The children will be continuing French activities with Mrs Taylor. They will be learning about the months of the year.



PSHE/Citizenship

The children will be thinking about:

- *Rules
- *Caring for pets
- *Rights & Responsibilities
- *How they can make a difference
- *The art of positive criticism.



PE

As part of their PE curriculum the children will be taking part in football, tag rugby, hockey and alternative sports such as lacrosse, fencing, ultimate frisbee and handball.

