

Maths

This term in Maths, Otter Class are looking at Place Value and the Four Operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Children will have plenty of opportunities to be hands on by using manipulatives within their learning and will be able to demonstrate their knowledge to each other.

We will also be practicing mental arithmetic and our times tables. You will be receiving some information very soon about KIRF's (Key Instant Recall Facts)- these are facts that underpin much of the knowledge needed for the Maths curriculum so we encourage you to practise these with your children.

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English

This term, we will, as always, focus on improving spelling and grammar. Creative Writing will feature heavily for a couple of weeks with a closer look at character description. Looking at the effects of the author's choice of language and should lead to some wonderful writing within our study of the book *Holes* by Louis Sachar.

Non Fiction writing will centre around our study on Rivers. Children will produce an information leaflet all about a river in Kent to cover the physical and Human geography.

Mrs. Holness and I would like to emphasize the importance of regular reading at home as it helps in every single aspect of this key subject. We are fortunate to have been given £1000 for new books so we are really aiming for a high number of Accelerated Reading targets to be achieved.

PSHE

This term in PSHE we will be covering health and well being, this will include:

- Mental well-being and cyber-bullying*
- Where to seek help and support- mental health.*
- Emotions and link to well-being*
- Physical exercise and link to mental health*
- Healthy lifestyle habits*
- Medicines*
- Vaccinations*
- Alcohol, smoking, drugs*
- First Aid-choking.*

R.E

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In RE we are exploring Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?

We will be taking a detailed look at The Creation story in the bible from The Book of Genesis. Children will be able to analyse and discuss the contents of this passage.

Does this conflict with scientific accounts? There are many scientists through history that have been and are Christians?

Does the discoveries of science make Christians wonder even more about the power and majesty of the Creator?

Themes

This term we will be looking at Rivers for our Geography unit. We will be reading maps using 6 figure grid references as well as looking into the physical features of the course of a river and how this can affect humans. The Water Cycle is an obvious link to this and as such will form an integral part of our learning

In Science we will be looking at Forces. The aim is for the children to: Understand forces as push and pull; Understand effects of forces on an object; Forces are measured in Newtons; Draw forces diagrams accurately; Understand gravity is a pull force from the centre of The Earth; It keeps us on the ground and gives objects weight; Understand that Air Resistance is a Force that opposes Gravity; That it depends on surface area and not mass; Children understand a fair test in an investigation; Observe, measure and record data carefully and accurately.

Woodland

An exciting term ahead on a Monday afternoon at Woodland. We will be working on building, problem solving and teamwork skills through a variety of activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Woodland uniform is a school jumper and polo shirt with either black, grey or navy joggers/leggings. Please can children wear sensible footwear and not their school shoes.

We participate in Woodland no matter the weather so please ensure your child has a jacket/waterproofs with them.

P.E

We are pleased to welcome back Mr. Maclauren as our new PE and Woodland teacher. An experienced coach in football and tennis as well as a vast array of other sporting skills, the children will benefit from his expertise. We begin the year with football. Skills taught will be control, moving with the ball as well as tactical play and teamwork.

P.E this year will be on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that the children have the correct kit consisting of: house colour T-shirt, shorts/skort and socks. Trainers must be of a suitable standard to run in comfortably. They do not have to be the height of fashion – more important that they support the children's feet suitably.

ICT

This term's focus will be Computing Online Safety. In this rapidly developing world, we need to ensure the messages regarding online safety across many forms of media are always at the forefront of our children's minds. Individual lessons will include: Cyber Bullying; People Online; Secure Websites; Powerful Passwords; False Photography.

French/MFL

This term we are extremely fortunate to be awarding the children the opportunity to experience a new language. Mrs. Taylor will be helping the children to learn French as we feel it beneficial to experience an alternative to Spanish as they near senior school education. The children will learn greetings, numbers, colours, days of the week, months of the year and some more conversational French. Why not try to speak a little French at home?

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