

Class: Otters Term: Spring Term 2023

Explorers and Adventurers

Communication & Language: Explorers will look at a range of texts; non fiction, fiction, poetry and rhyme. Using objects of reference to support our multi-sensory learning and exploration. Individual communication focus linking to SALT plans using preferred methods of communication to request rhymes, objects and/or actions. Fine motor skills activities to support our early writing. Mark making in a range of different sessions using a variety of media and using a variety of tools.

English- Adventurers will also be reading a variety of texts and accessing many of the above activities. We will also be using Talk4writing in our literacy lessons to widen our vocabulary and explore a range of stories.

Thinking & Problem Solving: We will continue to focus on number, Shape and measurement. Number recognition and counting to a given number. Ordering numbers. Counting, identifying and matching objects to objects, numerals or pictures. Number rhymes and games. Exploring shapes in the classroom and local environment. Sorting by shape/ size. Practical experiments linking to shapes and length. Use of ICT and electronic devices to support our learning throughout the curriculum is embedded daily.

Maths-Adventurers will continue to learn about addition and subtraction sums using a range of methods. We will focus on time, measurement and 3D shape properties.

Myself & My Body: Learning about us and our bodies. Exploring how they change and differences between baby, child and adult stages of life. Linking into our feelings. Identifying enjoyable and preferred activities when given choices. self help skills linking to our own personal development and personal hygiene. OT input where necessary.

Physical development and healthy lifestyles: We will be looking into the changes our bodies go through as we get older and how we will manage these changes. We will continue to build our fine and gross motor skills through PE lessons and active activities.

My Creativity

We will be producing many different pieces of art linking to our main topic of "Exploring Habitats". We will be linking in with our recycling theme from last term and using recyclable materials to make replica habitats and sensory bottles. In music, we will be exploring a range of different instruments and exploring the different sounds they make when we tap them, or shake them.

Creative development: We will be creating our own natural art work linking to our topic of habitats. We will be using recycled materials to make art. In DT we will be following instructions to make bird feeders to hang in our forest school area.

Thematic Learning: My World & My Community:

Our topic this term is "Exploring habitats". We will be exploring a range of different habitats and learning about the different animals that live there. We will explore a variety of sensory experiences linking to each habitat; our own houses, domestic animals, under the sea, farmyard, woodland, costal, pond life, South African safari (links with our partner school) and polar.



Understanding my world and community: Adventurers will take a close look at their own houses and using Google maps to find them using the internet. We will also be reflecting on how our houses have changed over the years and studying old pictures of the town we live in.

Linking to our wider world, we will be learning about historical events and a range of different religions. Participating in craft and practical activities linked to the weekly topic.

We will explore stories linked to habitats and expand our vocabulary throughout the topic.

Learning through My Play:

We will be learning through play throughout all of our lessons; linking to life skills, problem solving, communication and becoming aware of the world around us.

Life Skills- Understanding the World I Live in: Throughout every lesson adventures will focus on learning skills to help them communicate in group settings, take turns and be a valued person within their community. With weekly trips out on the bus each child will have the opportunity to be out in the community and experience new places

Religious Education & Celebration Days: (SMSCD/ RSE)

- Martin Luther King Day (18th Jan)
- Burns Night (25th Jan)
- St Valentine (14th Feb)
- Shrove Tues and Ash Wed (16th & 17th Feb)
- St David's Day (1st Mar)
- World Book Day (4th Mar)
- Mothers Day (14th Mar)
- St Patricks Day (17th Mar)
- Easter—Christianity (April).