

Otters Term 1

Class Curriculum

History- Crime and Punishment

We will learn about how crime, and the consequences of those crimes, has changed since 1066. We will explore the topic by looking at different eras through British history but with freedom to follow an area of interest identified by the children. Also, to support our History skills we will learn how historians have found and proved the details we study.

Science- Materials and their Properties

We will explore the features of materials and how their make-up lends them to particular jobs. We will apply learning from previous years to support this. We will also explore the fundamentals of scientific enquiry and investigation.

Art and D&T

We will explore sketching of faces and the art of graffiti. This will link with PSHE where we explore the question of whether Graffiti is art or crime.

RE- God

Key Question:

- What does it mean (for Christians) if God is holy and loving?

Music

We will be researching and appreciating various composers and discussing dimensions of music.

PE

Tag Rugby - We will learn the fundamental skills required to play tag rugby and basic rules for rugby in general.

Gymnastics - We will learn to enhance our balance and movement across floor areas and apparatus.

Maths This term we will be focusing on:

- Place value: understanding what each digit represents in a 7 digit numbers, writing place value additions and subtractions, placing 3 and 4 digit numbers on a line and comparing them, adding and subtracting 1, 10, 100, 1000 to and from 4 digit numbers.
- Addition and subtraction: mental addition of pairs of 2-digit or 3-digit numbers and 2-digit numbers using partitioning, place value or counting up and mental subtraction of 2-digit numbers from numbers less than 200 by counting back or counting up, written addition of 3-digit numbers using compact written addition.
- Times tables: we will do regular practise of all times tables. Home practice would be appreciated here.

Class Reader

To start the year we will be reading

Rooftoppers

By Katherine Rundell

The children are welcome to read along but we encourage a 'no spoilers' policy.

Literacy

The Highwayman:

- Read and dissect a narrative poem
- Learn the features of a newspaper
- Plan a newspaper article
- Write my own newspaper article
- Edit my writing

Holes

- We will look to write a variety of genres including letters, diaries and narratives using this book as stimulus.
- We will also use this book to encourage studies in various grammatical rules.

We will do weekly spelling sessions, focusing on a particular pattern/rule as well as regular grammar sessions. Spellings will be sent home at the start of term and each rule will be practiced for 2 weeks.

We will do daily reading (a mixture between individual, group and whole class) as well as comprehension practise.