

Otter Class



Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME to Otters Class. We hope that you have enjoyed your summer break.



Otters class topics



Our topic this half term is 'Our School'. We will be learning about our new classes and different areas around the school.

English



In English we are learning about Stories with Familiar Settings, through exploration, props and sensory trays. The stories we will be learning this half term are:

- Pete's School Shoes
- Peace at Last
- Off to the Park

Maths



In Maths we are learning about Length. We will use concept words of long and short and compare objects by length.

To continue these topics at home here are some ideas that you could use:

- Read other stories with familiar settings, such as the park, swimming pool, home etc.
- Talk about school including using photos of staff.
- Describe objects as long and short in play or when you're out and about.

As it is the start of a new year and all the children look so smart in their uniforms, we do not want to lose them. So please ensure every item of clothing has the child's name in, including shoes and socks. We continue to include outdoor learning as a big part of the curriculum. If you have not already done so, please send your child in with named wet weather clothes and shoes. It is also useful to have at least one spare pair of clothes that can be kept in school or in their book bags for messy play.

Topic key language



Key words that we are focussing on this term are:

School, class, Otters, garden, discovery, teacher, friends

Otter Class staff



Class teacher: Anita Bell

Gemma Storey (Every Monday all day)

Andrea Hazle (Every Wednesday morning)

Teaching Assistants: Amy Enever M, T Th, F

Carla Cleal M

Harley Willis T, W, Th, F

Louise Kimber Th & Fri

Important Information

- 29th September Harvest Day
- 1st October Inset Day
- 20th October Diwali
- 24th October Break up for Half Term



If you need to contact Anita please call the school office and leave a message or email:

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Useful Links

[Pete The Cat Rocking in my School Shoes | Animated book | Read aloud](#)
[The First Day | Time For School | CBeebies](#)

PE



We have PE in Otter Class every Thursday afternoon.