

# Otter Class



## Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME to Otters Class. We hope that you have enjoyed a short break.



### Otters class topics



Our topic this half term is 'Let's Play!'. We will be learning about old and new toys and toys made with different materials.

### English

In English we are learning about instructions, through exploration, props and sensory trays. The books we will be learning this half term are;

- Getting Dressed for the Weather
- I can go to the Toilet
- Dear Santa

### Maths

In Maths we are learning about Handling Data. We will sort toys into the right boxes and make groups of objects that are the same.

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

- Think about words you use to give instructions
- Play with less familiar toys.
- Encourage children to sort toys into the right places when tidying away.

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:

*Want, yes, no, I, me, my, like*

### Otter Class staff

Class teacher: Anita Bell

Gemma Storey (Every Monday all day)

Andrea Hazle (Every Thursday morning)

Teaching Assistants: Amy Enever M, T Th, F

Carla Cleal M

Alison Duckett T, W, Th, F

Louise Kimber Th & Fri

### Important Information

- 14<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need
- 6<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fayre
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Half day- Break up for Christmas.



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

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### Useful Links

[Numberblocks - Series 1: One - BBC iPlayer](#)

[Numberblocks - Series 1: Two - BBC iPlayer](#)

### PE

We have PE in Otter Class every Thursday afternoon.