



The Federation of St Giles' and St. Andrew's C of E
Primary Schools
Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,
Here is an outline of what your children in Early Years shall be learning about in Otter Class this term.

Communication and Language

We will be learning new vocabulary linked to plants, mini-beasts, food and farming. Children will develop listening carefully in order to respond appropriately to stories and other activities through asking questions. Role-play will continue to develop imagination and language, recreating roles, organising, sequencing ideas and events.

Topic title

Growing and Changing

Literacy

We will be reading traditional tales and stories linked with our topic. Recognising and continuing rhyming strings, linking sounds to letters, learning new graphemes will enable the children to read words and simple sentences.

Forming letters correctly and using our knowledge of phonics will continue to develop writing words, captions and simple sentences which can be read by others.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will continue to develop playing alongside each other, taking turns and showing sensitivity to others' needs and feelings. Through everyday activities they will become more confident to speak in familiar groups. They will develop their understanding of why rules are made and the need to follow them. This learning will be enhanced by whole school assemblies.

Mathematics

The children will be consolidating their knowledge of numbers by using them to count reliably to 20 and beyond, and placing them in the right order. They will be learning to add and subtract by counting on or back. The children will also begin to solve problems by doubling, halving and sharing in a fun way, part of everyday learning through direct teaching and continuous provision indoors and out.

Physical Development

The children will be becoming more confident in moving in a variety of ways, safely negotiating space. Through our topic they will be learning about the importance for good health through exercise and a healthy diet. They will be encouraged to try new foods when we harvest our fruit and vegetables, prepare and cook them. Forest School and PE will continue to develop new skills and challenges.

Understanding the world

We will be learning about how plants grow and the children will be recording their observations. They will look at natural features of their local environment including life cycles and habitats of mini-beasts. Fortnightly visits to Wiggery Wood will help support their learning.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will sing songs, make music and play percussion in our weekly Music assemblies. They will have opportunities to build on their knowledge of colour, texture and form through art, modelling, role play and continuous provision activities indoors and out.

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This term we will be focusing on Special Symbols and Objects with a focus on Sikhism and Special Places with an additional focus on Hinduism. We have whole school assemblies and visitors from the church.