



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



Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome to Otter Class. Here is an outline of what Little Otters will be learning this term.

Communication and Language

Here, listening carefully, following directions, understanding and speaking clearly using correct pronunciation will be encouraged. Role-play will develop imagination and language, recreating roles, organising, sequencing ideas and events. The children will be learning new vocabulary linked to our topic 'Fire and Ice'.

Literacy

We shall be sharing stories describing characters and settings, recognising and continuing rhyming words. Linking sounds to letters, learning new phonemes and graphemes will lead to reading words and simple sentences. The children will learn to form letters correctly and use them to communicate meaning. We will be writing our names and simple words using our phonics.

Mathematics

We will continually be reciting numbers and counting objects accurately to 10 and beyond, finding one more and one less, The children will compare groups of objects using 'more' and 'fewer'. Learning about 2D and 3D shapes, position eg *behind*, *next to...* weighing, length, height and creating patterns will be part of everyday learning through direct teaching and during continuous provision.

Understanding the world

There will be small world areas and role play with open ended resources which will support learning about the weather and hot and cold countries. We will be comparing similarities, differences and patterns between natural and man-made objects, observing and taking care of the environment. The children will be introduced to ICT through becoming aware that technology includes traffic lights, tills, washing machines, TVs, to name but a few.

RE

We shall be learning how God created the world and about the importance of Christmas. Our morning assemblies will focus on spiritual well-being.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be recognising different feelings and learning about how we can help each other. We will learn that we are all unique, special and different, just like snowflakes! The children will be encouraged to work together during their play, sharing and taking turns.

Physical Development

There will be lots of action and finger rhymes to get up and move to. A Practical Life area will encourage the development of fine motor skills by transferring, sweeping, cutting, threading, pinching and squeezing through a variety of activities. Forest School visits, PE and a variety of indoor activities including pencil control, manipulating playdough will further develop a range of skills.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will learn to construct with a purpose in mind using kits and junk materials. They will experiment how to create different effects, textures and colours, using techniques to join, shape and assemble materials. Singing songs, playing percussion in our weekly music assemblies and introducing a storyline into our play will continue to be part of their learning.