



St Andrew's C of E Primary School
Otter Class
Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! Here is an outline of what we will be learning about this term.

English During this topic our writing will include a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will be writing stories, letters and poems including descriptions. The children will be writing labels and using sub-headings during non-fiction writing.

Phonics is a very important part of English; this will be practised every day to develop our knowledge of sounds, reading and spelling of high frequency words and tricky words all in line with the Letters and Sounds programme. This will be delivered at the appropriate level for your child.

The children will be developing their use of grammar and using a variety of strategies for spelling. Handwriting sessions will develop forming both lower and upper case letters correctly ensuring spaces are left between words.

PSHE

The children will create new classroom agreements to ensure a positive environment for learning. We will also be looking at becoming confident, respectful and caring learners.

Art

In Art we shall be developing our creative skills. We will be using different techniques and materials focusing on hot and cold colours including colours in arctic landscapes and the Aurora Borealis formations.

Maths This term the children will work on number and place value, addition and subtraction, properties of shapes and graphs. We will link this where possible to our topic making maths as fun and interactive as possible. Children will also have a 'Morning Maths Meeting' where they will explore a number in as many ways as they can.

Science The children will learn about how the weather affects us, identify differences between seasonal and daily weather patterns and compare the weather patterns near the poles and the equator. They will learn about weather dangers and forecasting.



RE

This term we will be learning about how the world was created and why Christmas matters to Christians. We shall also explore the Islamic faith, discussing ways to explain how this gives Muslims a sense of belonging.

DT

As part of our topic work the children shall be creating a rain stick. We will design, create and evaluate a model Inuit boat.

Music We will play percussion instruments in our Thursday morning music assembly. The children will be developing their voices expressively and creatively by learning new songs to sing.

Geography Our topic this term is Geography based. We will learn about hot and cold climates around the world, locating and naming countries and oceans. This learning will be linked across all areas of the curriculum.

PE In PE we will develop an awareness of space, travelling safely through and around apparatus and balancing. We will participate in team games, developing appropriate simple tactics.

Computing

The children will be using computers and equipment in their everyday learning. This will include using bee-bots to create and debug simple programs. They will focus on word processing including changing fonts, selecting pictures, saving and retrieving their work. Throughout the term the children will continue to learn about using technology safely and internet safety.