



Information to parents - Autumn Term - Otter Class

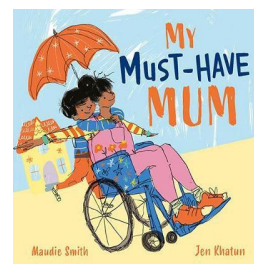
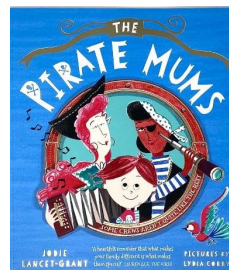
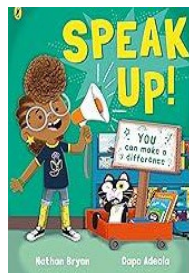
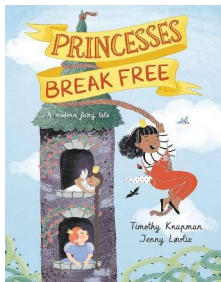
Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Pupils will understand how it feels to belong and celebrate that 'we are all different, we are wonderful.' We will also learn why it is good to be kind and use gentle hands and that children have rights, which means they should all be allowed to learn and play happily. We will be focusing on using positive vocabulary to one another at all times. We will mark anti-bullying week during the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November-Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Otter class will also be working on how we can self-regulate using meditation and breathing techniques. Throughout each day, we will take breaks to self-regulate and refocus in order to ensure we are happy and thriving in school.

**Diversity**      **We're all different, we're all wonderful.**

We will share these new carefully chosen favourite five stories to celebrate our identity in the world and gain a more in depth understanding of others



Physical Development

Otter class will follow the Edsential PE scheme and focus on the fundamental skills for healthy physical development.

Daily Dough Disco to improve our fine motor development.

This term we will also be practising putting our coat on and off as independently as possible and practising how to wash our hands properly.

Communication & Language

This term we will be introducing our pupils to Oracy using Voice 21. We will be working on how to communicate and articulate what we would like to say. We will be looking at key areas such as:

- Initiating conversation with our peers and grown-ups
- Working on our body language whilst we are talking to others
- Thinking about what we want to say and how we can articulate this using simple sentences
- Developing our listening skills and remembering to take turns

## **Literacy**

Pupils will learn how to answer questions, re-tell stories and begin to write sounds matched to their phonic knowledge. To support our children with this we will be focusing on the following texts:

- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- The Little Red Hen
- The Gingerbread Man
- SuperTato
- Pumpkin Jack
- Room on The Broom
- Stick Man
- Owl Babies.

We will also be celebrating Nursery Rhyme week from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

This term we will be starting our phonics journey and we will be learning all Set 1 RWI sounds. Phonics lessons will begin at 9 am (please be on time) and speed sound sessions will continue every afternoon. Every child in Otter class will have a book bag, which will be taken to every phonics lesson.

## **Maths**

Pupils will be working to achieve the following objectives:

- Numbers all to do with me and numbers in rhyme
- Sequencing and positional language
- Matching
- More or fewer?
- Height, length and capacity
- Patterns and shapes
- Subitising within 5
- Composition of numbers and counting.

## **UTW: (Understanding the World)**

During this autumn term we will be learning about body parts and senses. We will be learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin and celebrating important festivals such as Harvest, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. We will be marking Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.

This term will centre on learning all about ourselves and our families. We will be learning about our school and looking at how we have grown. We will also learn about the past-studying London then and now. Finally, we will learn more about our local area.

Religious Festivals - Sukkot - 29<sup>th</sup> September

Religious Festivals - Harvest

Religious Festivals - Diwali - 12<sup>th</sup> November

Pupils are immersing themselves in learning about the festival of light.

Religious Festivals - Hannukah - 7<sup>th</sup> December

Religious Festivals - Christmas

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Pupils will be taught to mix colours and make observational drawings this term. We will be learning how to bake, whilst linking this to our class book-*The Gingerbread Man* and other Christmas stories. We will singing nursery rhymes, harvest songs, special festival and Christmas songs. We will also be rehearsing and performing a Christmas nativity show.

### **Treasure Chest Books**

Every Friday, pupils will have the opportunity to take home one of our Talk Through Stories books to read with you or our Treasure Chest books. These books are our special class stories and do not need to be returned to school until the following Friday.

### **Date for your diary:**

Coffee Afternoon - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2:30 pm

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**We are looking forward to getting to know you all this year.**

**Thank you for your support,**

**Mrs Whitehead**

**Miss De Jesus**

**Mrs Owen**

