



**Information to parents - Summer Term- Otter Class**

**Our Top 10 moments from Spring Term**

1. World Book Day.
2. Trip to The Floral Pavilion to see 'The Gruffalo's Child.'
3. Getting to meet and hold the baby chicks.
4. Celebrating Easter - making hot cross buns, having our own Easter Bonnet parade and re-enacting The Last Supper.
5. Having a visit from the demolition team and getting to visit the local demolition site.
6. Weekly cooking sessions.
7. Celebrating pancake day.
8. Marking National Science Week.
9. Our families coming into our classroom to celebrate Mother's Day.
10. Taking part in the Willow's ECO Challenge and cleaning up our playground.

**What our children and parents have to say:**

"This is my first time meeting construction workers - I want to do this job when I am older."

"My child really enjoys coming to school."

"Wow! I'm speechless, I didn't know about what happened when eggs hatch - This is so cool." -  
(meeting the baby chicks)

"I don't want this day to end!"

**Personal, Social & Emotional Development:**

This term children will strive to demonstrate a 'can do' attitude and will manage their own basic needs independently. We will be developing our 'team work skills' during group activities and our self-regulation. We will also continue to use our happy breathing and mindfulness activities, including meditation as part of our everyday school life.

In our weekly Jigsaw lessons this term, we will learn about friendships and how we can stay healthy and look after our bodies.

**Physical Development:**

We will continue to follow the Edsential PE scheme, with a focus on how to play ball games and preparing for our sports day, which will be later in the term.

This term, we will be working with our friends from Rugby Tots, learning how to play rugby. P.E will continue to be every Tuesday morning, please remember to dress your children in kit.

We will continue our daily Dough Disco to improve our fine motor development. This term we will also be focusing on handling scissors and pencils correctly, as well as our cutlery at lunch time.

## **Communication & Language**

This term we will be continuing to use Voice21 to aid our development in Communication and Language.

We will be looking at key areas such as:

- Having conversations with adults and peers with back and forth conversation
- Learning how to 'challenge' what others are saying
- Developing talking in full sentences, using conjunctions such as: and, because and further.
- Using a range of tenses when talking
- Learning how to listen and summarise what others are saying

## **Literacy:**

Children will retell stories using specific vocabulary. They will answer questions about what they have read and read books matched to their phonetic ability.

We will continue to improve our writing, writing simple sentences using our phonetic knowledge, beginning to include red words.

To support our children with this, we will be focusing on the following texts:

- Julian is a Mermaid
- The Rainbow Fish
- The Singing Mermaid
- Tiddler
- Dear Dinosaur
- Dinosaurs Love Underpants
- The Giant Jam Sandwich
- Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs

## **Phonics**

This term we will continue on our phonics journey, beginning to learn Set 2 sounds.

Our target for this term is for all of us to know Set 2 sounds and to be able to read words containing Set 1 and Set 2 Special Friends. Phonics is taught every morning and speed sound sessions each afternoon. Each week, we will continue to send home virtual classroom links and handwriting sheets. A huge well done for all your hard work during the spring term, it has been wonderful to see the progress you have all been making and now being able to orally blend words.

## **Maths**

Pupils will be working to achieve the following objectives:

- Part and whole
- Double and equal amount
- Secure understanding of more and less
- Height, length and capacity
- Patterns and 2-D shapes
- Number bonds to 10.
- Counting to 20 and beyond

### Understanding the World (UTW):

During this term we will be learning about the changes that happen in summer and how we can stay fit and healthy while the weather is so nice. We will be also be learning about health and safety. We will be learning about what Christians believe about the Holy Spirit. This term will centre on learning about New Brighton in the past and the present, comparing and contrasting. We will continue to improve or knowledge of maps - looking at the UK and our geographical position within Europe. Our final topic this year will be dinosaurs- looking at the life of a palaeontologist.

### Expressive Arts and Design (EAD):

Pupils will explore and use a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. We will be cooking in class each week with Miss D. We will be completing weekly music lessons and learning nursery rhymes. We will continue with our 'Nursery Rhyme of the Week,' which we sing each day.

Some of the nursery rhymes we will be focusing on this term are:

- Row, Row, Row Your Boat
- One, Two, Three, Four, Five
- Hickory Dickory Dock
- Round and Round the Garden like a Dinosaur
- The Sun has Got his Hat on.

Diversity - "We are all different; we are all wonderful". We enjoyed sharing our carefully chosen five favourite stories to celebrate our identity in the world and gain a deeper understanding of others.

This term we will share these treasured stories. Our Favourite Five help us to celebrate our identity in the world and gives us insight into the lives of somebody who has different experiences to us.



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Thank you for all your support and working so well with us, we are really looking forward to making this final term in Otter Class memorable together!

Team F2