




Otter Class - Early Years Autumn Term 2019 Learning Overview- This Is Me!

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Topic Overview	Prime Areas	Specific Areas
 <p>We are so proud of all the new nursery children who have all settled in really well, and of the returning Nursery children who have been wonderfully helpful and kind to their new friends. We will be continuing this half term with a topic called 'This Is Me', where we will learn about ourselves, our friends, our families and our community. I think it is really important that the children take the lead in their learning so the activities and direction our topic takes will be planned around the children's interests, while covering the necessary areas of the EYFS curriculum.</p> <p>PE- Wednesday Morning (this will change throughout the year to ensure all Nursery children experience PE)</p> <p>Forest School- Tuesday Morning (and often another session in the week)</p>	<p>Communication and language The children will have the opportunity to talk about themselves, their likes and dislikes and their abilities in small groups. They will be supported to listen to and respond to instructions.</p> <p>Physical development personal Children will develop their self care by learning to wash hands properly and put on coats, shoes, Forest School kits and PE kits. Children will develop gross and fine motor skills through daily activities. We will also work on core strength. We have begun weekly PE, Forest School and 'Write Dance' sessions.</p> <p>Social and emotional development New children will continue to settle in to their new class. Children will have opportunities to listen to each other and to select their own resources for their games.</p>	<p>Literacy We will read a range of books featuring different families together and talk about them. Children will begin to bring a story book home to share with their families. We will change these weekly when we read individually with your child. We will also begin phonics sessions in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Mathematics Early maths is always practical and fun. We will develop our use and understanding of mathematical language. We will be doing sorting, counting and shape activities.</p> <p>Understanding the world The children have loved their first Forest School sessions and have enjoyed exploring the environment and learning how to keep safe. Children will be given opportunities to talk about events in their lives, themselves and their families. They will learn about similarities and differences between them and their friends.</p> <p>Expressive arts and design The children will be supported to play cooperatively in the home corner role play area. They will be developing skills using different mark making materials e.g. paint, chalks, pencils and will create self portraits. We will be learning songs for the Harvest Festival in class and in our sessions with Ms Smith, our singing coach (Tuesday afternoon). We will also learn about Diwali.</p>
Community	Environment	Challenge



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We will make new friends in Nursery and learn how to be part of our school community.

We will learn all about our Nursery and school environment and how we can look after it.

Our challenge is to continue to make new friends and adapt to our new class.