

Digging Into the Past Otter Class Autumn Term 2026



ENGLISH

Class texts:

Peepo! By Janet and Allan Ahlberg
Old Bear by Jane Hissey
Nothing by Mick Inkpen
Memory Bottles by Beth Shoshan
On Sudden Hill by Linda Sarah and Benji Davies

Writing Opportunities:

- Description of toys
- Speech bubbles
- Predictions
- Retell a story
- Harvest

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

- Harvest Festival
- Nativity
- Cooking Groups
- Visitor for history unit
- School Value: Community

MATHEMATICS

Composition of Numbers 20-100

- Count to 100 confidently
- Make groups of ten to support efficient counting
- Identify the placement of numbers on a number line
- Understand the value of the tens and ones numbers
- Partition tens and ones
- Understand that $10+3=13$ and $40+6=46$

Comparison of Quantities

- Compare items using length, height and weight
- Compare to sets of objects
- Use $<$, $>$ & $=$ signs to compare objects and numbers

Composition of numbers 0-5

- Subitise numbers
- Use ordinal numbers correctly
- Understand numbers 1-5 can be partitioned in different ways as well as systemic ways
- To know the missing number when partitioning
- Identify numbers one more and one less
- Use a bar model

TOPIC & SCIENCE

In **History**, we will be learning about how toys have changed over the past 60 years. We will be comparing modern day toys to older toys as well as looking at the toys we had when we were babies, toys our parents had and our grandparents. We will begin to look at a timeline and mark on events from the past.

In **Science**, we will learn about seasonal changes, this will be an on going topic throughout the year. We will look at each season and describe the changes that will happen. We will also begin to record the weather and seasons daily to see if we can spot any patterns and understand that the weather associated with the season might not always happen. Before Christmas, we will learn about how to group animals and describe what makes us human. We will have a go at classifying different animals and learning about our senses.

RE

Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in everyday life?

We will explore reasons why some Muslims may chose to pray.

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

We will look into the different ways that some Christians celebrate Christmas.

PSHE

Being Me in my World

We will be learning about being part of our class and how we can work together to make everyone feel safe and accepted.

Celebrating Differences

I can find ways that I am similar and different to my friends.

E-SAFETY & COMPUTING

In **Computing** we will learning about technology around us and explore how to use each part of a computer.

We will learn to use a program for digital painting and help improve our mouse control.

MUSIC

Hey You (Hip Hop) & Nativity

We will learn to about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form.

We will be learning songs for our nativity.

ART & DT

Exploring Line and Shape

We are going to explore our workshop area in our classroom and experiment with different materials and seeing what marks we can make.

Wheels and Axels

We will design and make a pull along toy, once we have learnt about how wheels and axels work.

PE & OUTDOOR LEARNING

Dance & Gymnastics

We will be exploring ways to move our bodies in our indoor dance sessions. In gymnastics, we will be rolling and jumping with control.

Forest School

Children will participate in a range of Forest School activities focusing on teamwork and perseverance.