

# Meet the Teacher – Information for Parents of Otters Class

## Who will be teaching my child?

- Teacher: Mrs Coates (Monday-Thursday) and Mrs Stevens (Friday)
- Teaching Assistant: Mrs Nikki Dormon
- PPA Cover: Toby (Aspire) and Mrs Ashcroft

## What does my child need in school?

**Stationery:** To ensure all children have the right equipment in school and to support parents with costs, we are providing children with all the stationery they need in school. You do not need to provide your child with any stationery.

**Wellies and Coats:** All children require both wellies and waterproof coats in school. We will be going out to play whatever the weather and using the field all year round. We do have some secondhand wellies and coats available by asking the office.

## When does my child have PE and what do they need?

**PE days for Otters class are on Mondays and Wednesdays unless specified otherwise.**

The children wear PE kits to school on PE days.

- House coloured T-shirt (this does NOT need to have a school logo)
- Black leggings/ shorts/ tracksuit trousers (grey or navy will also be fine!)
- School jumper/ cardigan
- For cold weather, including non-PE days, children can wear a plain, dark coloured fleece
- Kit will be provided for inter-school tournaments
- Teachers will also be wearing smart PE kit
- Branded T-shirts can be purchased from [myclothing.com](http://myclothing.com) if desired

## What will my child be learning about this term?

The main topics being covered this term are –

Maths – Place Value; Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; measurement (converting units)

Science – Living things and their habitats; Animals including humans.

Geography – Trade: What is the true cost of\_\_\_\_\_?

History – Kings and Queens (How has the power of the British Monarchs changed since 1066?).

IT- Communication and Collaboration

Art – 2D drawing to 3D making; Textiles: combining fabric shapes

RE – Emmanuel Project; How does the Triple Refuge help Buddhists in their journey through life?

- Emmanuel Project; How does the Tawhid create a sense of belonging to the Muslim community?

Our Key Texts in English will be- Wonder (R.J.Palacio); Shackleton’s Journey (William Grill).

Further information is available on this term's curriculum overview sheet which is on the school website.

### **What does the class timetable look like?**

There is a lot to fit in during a week!

The school day starts at 8.50am and children should be in the classroom by this time so we can get going quickly.

There is play time from 10.20 to 10.35 and lunchtime from 12.00 to 1.00pm.

The school days end at 3.20 for all children except Reception who finish at 3.15pm. Older siblings of children in year 1 and 2 can be released from the same exit. Please let us know so we can send them to wait in the library.

An example class timetable is attached – please be aware that this can change on a weekly basis depending on what is going on and it is only a guide.

### **How can I support my child at home?**

Reading – We encourage you to enjoy books with your child as often as possible. Our aim is to develop a love of reading and books. Children will bring reading books home. Please feel free to log in your child’s reading record.

In key stage 1 the children will bring home books that they have been reading in their groups in school. These are matched to the phonics they are learning and are fully decodable. They will be familiar with the text and will enjoy showing you that they can read it. They will also bring home a Reading for Pleasure book from the library to share **with** you. These will be changed once a week in our library session.

### **Other Homework**

Spelling- practising spelling patterns on Spelling Shed (EdShed) or on paper if preferred.

Maths – TTRS to practise times tables fluency.

Sometimes there will also be some topic work to share and talk about.

### **What Trips and Events are planned for this term?**

We have drawn up a schedule for trips and events this year and this will be sent out to you.

This term we will have a trip to Windsor Castle as well as Residential.

### **When will we have forest school?**

Otters will have Forest School in the Autumn term starting on 21<sup>st</sup> October. The sessions will be on a Monday afternoon – if you can help please let us know. Further information will be sent out prior to the sessions.

### **How can I help?**

- We rely on the goodwill of our wonderful volunteers to ensure activities such as school trips, forest school and swimming can go ahead. We also welcome volunteers to support with listening to readers.
- Have a hobby, interest or talent that you think children would enjoy? Would you like to run an after-school club?
- Thank you for all your support. Please get in touch if you want to volunteer. We will need to complete a safeguarding check (DBS) for anyone volunteering in school.