

Clarendon Infant School

Curriculum information for parents



Otter Class Autumn Term 2 2025

Personal social and emotional development

This term we will practice sharing ideas, listening to others, and taking turns during activities. Through group activities and games, we will develop teamwork skills, and understand the value of everyone's contributions.

English

This term, we will be exploring the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk" using the Talk for Writing approach. We'll start by immersing ourselves in the story through storytelling and role-play. We will then innovate the story by changing elements of the story to make it our own. We will then write out our new story with the changes we have made. We will also be learning about instructions. We are going to learn what instruction words are and why they are important.

Phonics

This term in phonics we will be working on recognising new sounds and recapping ones that we have already learnt. We will also practice sight reading common exception words. We are practicing hearing sounds and blending them to read words.

Communication and language

We are learning to hold our attention and stay engaged on an activity for extended periods of time. We will be working on communicating and expressing our feelings to others effectively. We will also be focusing on the children's individual speech and language targets. The children are working on their speech, Makaton and use of core boards to communicate effectively. Learning to use more words together to make communication more effective.

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Science

This term in science we will be observing seasonal changes. We will be looking at the environment around us and seeing what changes we can notice have happened. We will also be looking at different materials this term and distinguishing between the physical object and the materials that it is made from. We will be looking at the materials we find and describing the properties of these materials.

Maths

This term we are focusing on addition and subtraction. We will be using physical resources to practice adding and subtracting different amounts. We will be building on the skills we learnt last term of place value and counting and applying this to our addition and subtraction.

Foundation subjects

This term we are focusing on our key question 'How do astronauts get into space? While we look at this question we will be practicing using different materials to make pictures. We are going to be designing space rockets and using different equipment to make rockets. We will be exploring images we get from satellites and using them to see what different human and physical features we can find on a map. We will also be looking at historical events such as the first moon landing and exploring why it was important. Through this, we will be exploring the lives of significant individuals who have been involved in space travel and what they have achieved.