

### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

This term, the children will focus on Aesop's Fables. They will be writing their own fables, based on a fable of their choice, turning their fable into a recount, which focuses on the importance of the past tense. Tim Peake will also be a focus during English as the children will create diary entries as if they were Tim Peake in the ISS. After half term the children will be evaluating and writing instructions. To finish the term, the children will be learning about limericks. Spelling and handwriting activities will continue to be a daily focus. Weekly grammar sessions will be taught in addition to English lessons as well.

In French lessons, the children will have an introduction on how to read and write in French. They will also locate France, Paris, UK and London on a map. In addition, they will learn about Paris Landmarks.

In computing, the children will be looking at how to stay safe online, including how to search for and spot appropriate websites for children.

### **Physical Development**

The children will develop their batting and fielding skills and knowledge of tactics when playing cricket on a Wednesday with Mrs Storer.

Gymnastics will be a focus after half term. They will work to create a range of balances using a range of apparatus and also having different body parts touching the floor.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

At the start of the year, the children will decide a Class Charter based on rights, respect and responsibilities. The children will discuss how to react to new beginnings and being me. They will be thinking about everyone's right to learn and caring about other people's feelings. After half term, the children will be celebrating differences, including how to help if someone is being bullied, trying to solve problems and using kind words.

## **Otter Class Autumn 2018 To Infinity and Beyond...**



### **Problem solving, Reasoning and Numeracy**

The children will spend this term focusing on place value and the number system. They will really develop their understanding of numbers up to 1,000. Written methods for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) will be an important unit for this term whereby the children will gain a better understanding of which methods to use and then apply these to problem solving situations. Reasoning and problem solving skills will continue to be developed this year, through daily maths lessons, maths investigations and magic maths sessions. Multiplication tables learning will be introduced this term with weekly tests and the use of Times Table Rockstars.

### **Knowledge and Understanding of the World**

The theme of our topic this term is 'To Infinity and Beyond!' The children will be learning all about space. They will explore the planets with a specific focus on planet Earth. They will gain an insight into space crafts and astronauts; discovering about the different astronauts who went into space and which ones successfully landed on the moon.

In Science, the children will identify light sources and discuss the sun. They will also study how light is reflected, before looking at transparency of various materials and investigating shadows.

In Religious Education they will be exploring questions about Christianity such as what Christians learn from the Creation story and what it's like to follow God.

### **Creative Development**

In Art, the children will experiment with creating moods and feelings using tints and tones. In D.T. they will be developing their wood-work skills.

In Music, the children will be exploring 'The Planets' by Gustav Holst and learn how the seven musical elements are used to create music. The children will go on to create their own journey into space through sounds. Later in the term the children will play the recorder as a class and learn to read a simple notation.