

# **EMPOWER** Curriculum - Parent Overview

# OTTERS - Autumn Term 2020



### English, Language and Communication

In our reading and writing work this half term students will experience familiar and patterned stories, role play and independent writing using texts such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We will explore non-fiction books and make our own to compliment and deepen our understanding about our topic 'Carnival of the Animals'. We will develop key vocabulary and listening skills as well as daily phonics and reading.

## Opportunities to Learn About the World Around

• RE: We will find out about animals in the Bible using the stories of Noah, Daniel and the stable at Christmas.

## Mathematics, Science and DT

 In our maths we will be improving our counting and number skills. We will also use our number skills to measure lengths. We will learn about position and direction, telling the time and shapes.

#### Animals

 Students will learn about mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians and fossils around the world. They will also learn about the fascinating creatures that feature in the movements of the music.

## World of Work and Independent Living

• In food studies we will explore our likes and dislikes and cover some basic food skills: spreading and cutting.

### Personal Development and Digital Literacy

- In PE our focus will be on basic core skills such as balance, jumping, throwing and catching, rolling, kicking. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their bike skills.
- Our ICT will focus on Computing Systems and Networks - Technology Around Us
- In PSHE we are developing our sense of self with the 'Who I am' topic. We will be learning about families and people who care for us, plus choices towards balancing mental health.

## Engagement in the Arts

- Children will learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs including Pat-a-cake, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive and This Old Man.
- Children will have the chance to: listen and respond, explore and create, sing and play, share and perform.
- Our topic this term is... CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS!
- We will be doing lots of learning outside
- We are focusing on re-establishing our school routines and ensuring everyone feels safe and happy.

## **Real Life Contexts**