

EYFS/ KS1 – Discovery Curriculum

The Otters Discovery Curriculum is a two-year rolling programme for our mixed Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 class. As children remain in Otters for three years, the structure provides valuable opportunities to revisit and consolidate key knowledge and skills, while ensuring learning remains fresh, purposeful and appropriately challenging. It also gives children in Year 1 time to recap and secure important Early Years learning as they move into the National Curriculum.

Each project is built around driver subjects, which provide the main disciplinary knowledge and shape the central enquiry and outcome. Linked subjects are deliberately woven into the project where they make meaningful connections and deepen children's understanding. Discrete subjects continue to be taught separately where this is the most effective way to develop subject-specific knowledge and skills.

Projects work towards a real-life outcome, giving learning a clear purpose and direction. The curriculum is designed around the mixed-age structure of the class, creating frequent opportunities for children to learn alongside, support and inspire one another. Play, exploration, talk and first-hand experiences sit at the heart of each project.

The programme brings together Reception objectives from *Development Matters* and Key Stage 1 objectives from the National Curriculum, allowing all children to access shared themes at their own stage of development.

Year A – 26/27					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Marvellous Me	Celebrations and traditions	Once Upon a time	Homes and habitats	Growing and changing	Seaside adventures
Year B – 27/28					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Our village	Journeys	Toys and games	Amazing animals	Castles, Kings and Queens	I can show you the world

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