

### Science:

This half term in science, children will be learning about “Rocks”. They will explore the different types of rocks that make up the Earth and learn about their properties. Children will also find out about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks, as well as learning how fossils are formed and what soil is made from.

### Maths:

#### Year 3:

We will be continuing multiplication and division alongside our arithmetic practice throughout the week.

#### Year 4:

We will be starting Spring term with multiplication and division B. We will then move onto length and perimeter. We will also continue to practice our arithmetic throughout the week.

### English:

We will begin Spring term 1 with learning how to create a non-fiction, non-chronological report on Skeletons and Muscles inspired by the book “An Anthology of Intriguing Animals” by Ben Hoare. Before the children create their own, we will be learning the skills to create a report through writing about the powerful Pangolin as a class! Alongside two experience days on skeletons and muscles, the human body and research into an animal of choice, we will be using our grammar skills to sentence stack effectively for our report.

### PE:

This half term we will introduce our Thursday PE session back with Volleyball!  
On Tuesdays, children will be learning skills in Hockey with Miss Hazel.

## Otters Class Spring 1



### PSHE:

In PSHE, we will be exploring the topic “Dreams and Goals”. This looks at aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this.

### Computing:

Our focus for computing this half term is Desktop Publishing. We will become familiar with the terms ‘text’ and ‘images’ and emojis and understand that they can be used to communicate messages offline and online. They will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type to edit and improve documents.

### Art:

In Art, children will be looking at the artist Henri Rousseau. This French artist was famous for his jungle paintings like the “Tiger in a tropical storm”. Over the next few weeks, we will build on our drawing and painting skills to create our own piece inspired by Rousseau’s work.

### Geography:

We are exploring the question: “Why are jungles so wet and deserts so dry?” in Geography this half term. Throughout the enquiry, pupils are encouraged to reflect upon how climate has such an important influence upon landscapes, plants, animals and human activity on Earth – they investigate this relationship at a number of scales.

### Music:

Children learn the song *Three Little Birds* by Bob Marley. They practise singing, keeping a steady beat, exploring rhythm, and playing simple instruments while learning how music can make us feel happy and calm.

### French:

We will be beginning the topic “Mon Corps”. Children learn to name parts of the body in French and use simple phrases to describe themselves, developing listening, speaking and pronunciation skills.

### R.E:

We will be exploring Christianity looking at the question:  
“*Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?*”