

Otters Class

Year One Newsletter, Autumn | 2026


Kirk Fenton
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates for your diary

23 September, 4-4:30pm:

New Reception parents are warmly invited to join us in the hall to discover how we teach reading at school and learn practical ways you can support your child's reading journey at home.

Free childcare will be available for school-age children only.

Year 1 parents are also very welcome to attend if you were unable to join us last year.

We look forward to seeing you there!

24 September:

Individual Photos

23 October:

Staff Training Day

26 - 30 October:

Half Term Holiday

What we are learning

This half term our topic is 'Me and My World'. In Geography, we will be finding out about 'Our Local Area' and making maps of the school and Church Fenton. We will be learning about 'Our Body and Senses' in Science and we will be thinking about 'Who is a Christian and what do they believe?' in RE. In English, we are excited to be continuing with Drawing Club and we will be looking at a different book each week to support our writing. Some of our focus texts are:



Our Values this half term are

Respect and Kindness

We encourage children to show respect for themselves, others, and their environment. We foster a culture of kindness, empathy, and understanding, promoting positive relationships within our school community.



PE Kit Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit every **TUESDAY** and **WEDNESDAY**. Please ensure that all jumpers, hoodies and cardigans are clearly labelled.



Wellies

Please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies in school so that they can access the outdoor area.



Spelling

Spelling Shed Logins will be sent home next week. Every Friday, different assignments will be set focussing on graphemes and tricky words from the previous week. Please support your child to access Spelling Shed as it is part of their homework. If you have any difficulties logging on, please let me know.

Please continue to read regularly with your child at home.



Phonics



We will continue to follow the Little Wandle phonics programme this half term. We will begin by revisiting the Phase 3 and Phase 4 sounds before moving on to introducing the Phase 5 sounds.

We will keep you regularly informed about the sounds and phonics skills we are teaching, as well as sharing ideas to help you support your child's learning at home.

During this half term, we will also revise all 49 tricky words taught in Reception. It is important that your child can recognise and read all of these words confidently before progressing to the Year 1 tricky words.

We will provide further information and guidance on how you can support your child with learning to spell these words at home.



Maths

In Maths we will be counting with objects to 10, comparing numbers, finding one more and one less and practising our number bonds to 10. We will also be focusing on forming all numbers up to 10 correctly. Accessing Numbots regularly will hugely improve your child's mental maths skills. This is part of your child's weekly homework. If you have forgotten your login please let me know.

Our KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts) for this half term are to count to 50 and to say one more and one less than a given number to 10.

Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16



All the best, from Miss Page, Mrs Hillyer and Mrs Walton