Otter Class Topic

Rainforests and Brazil

Autumn 1 2025 - Years 5 and 6

English Novel - The Explorer by Katherine Rundell Narrative - Setting Non Fiction - Discussion Whole class reading	FOCUS Settling in and setting expectations & goals	Maths Place Value Four Operations - Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division Mental Maths Arithmetic
Independent reading Handwriting 2 Spelling Lessons per week Spelling Tutor - one session a day	Geography Where is Brazil? The Brazilian Climate The City of Two Halves - Rio de Janeiro The indigenous people of the Amazon Rainforest What is life like in Brazil?	Art We will explore the work of artist Henri Rousseau and attempt our own jungle picture.
PSHE - Health and Wellbeing	PE	Music
We will consider the question: How can we keep healthy as we grow?	Otters will learn hockey skills on Wednesdays.	Otters will continue to learn violins.
RE We will consider the question: Why does religion look different around the world?	Forest School Otters will enjoy various outdoor activities.	In DT, we will design and sew a soft toy.
Science Living Things and Their Habitats including life cycles of mammals, insects, amphibians and birds. We will explore the life of the natural scientist, Jane Goodall.	Computing Otters will develop their skills in computing systems and networks.	French Otters will learn (1) the French vocabulary for 8 common pets and (2) how to ask somebody if they have a pet and give an answer back.