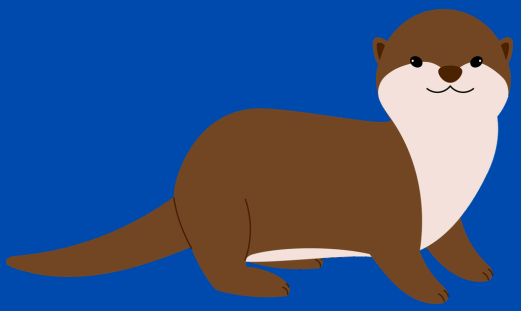


Otters

Last Term Round-up

Otters Class have had a very busy and exciting half term full of learning and fun! Although it has been a short half term, we have certainly packed a lot in.

The highlight of the term was definitely our fantastic trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum. During our visit, the children took part in interactive workshops, explored the museum and brought their Science learning about pushes and pulls to life. Everyone behaved brilliantly and represented the school exceptionally well throughout the day.

In English, we have been exploring the story *The Storm Whale*. The children learnt about using the past tense to describe events that have already happened and practised using the -ed suffix in their writing. Our final outcome was writing a letter as Noi (the little boy from the story) to his mum. We all did so well!

In Geography, we have really enjoyed our exciting topic 'Hike'. The children loved learning about what hiking is and what people need when they go on a hike. The book *Hike* helped bring our learning to life as we followed the journey of a boy and his dad on their adventure. We discussed the different physical features they might see along the way and thought carefully about the equipment they would need to stay safe and prepared on their hike.

In Music, our learning has been based on myths and legends, where we explored the legend of St George and the Dragon. The children have been learning to recognise, play and write rhythms with one beat and paired half beats. They also learnt how to show a rest beat using a silent movement and to read and follow a musical structure from left to right. The children worked collaboratively in groups to add rhythms to a structure, creating a clear beginning, middle and end. They also practised maintaining a steady beat and using their 'thinking voice' to help them play rhythms accurately on instruments while listening carefully to others and respecting their ideas.

Well done to everyone in Otters Class for another fantastic half term of learning! I hope you all have a lovely Easter and enjoy a well deserved break! Don't forget your reading and maths workouts though please.

Looking Ahead to Next Term

Next half term, Otters Class will be starting an exciting new topic all about Queens throughout the years. Our role play area will transform into a castle, where the children can dress up as kings, queens, princes and princesses to bring history to life. We will explore royal life, learn about famous queens from the past, and take part in fun activities that help us understand what it was like to live in a castle. As part of the topic, we are looking forward to enjoying a medieval banquet, which will be a wonderful opportunity to experience the sights, sounds and tastes of the past while developing our teamwork and communication skills.

I will continue our spelling tests and set new homework on Fridays. This will consist of spellings related to our phonics learning and maths workout from the CGP books. Please see Class DoJo for copies of spellings and any important information. Year 2s have their times tables challenge books to work on, so let's see who will move up to Silver Level!

Throughout the summer term the children will be going outside whatever the weather! Please make sure they have appropriate clothing and shoes for this. If you have a particular interest in gardening and would like to come and support our class in making our area a bit greener, then please do let me know. Any help would be much appreciated!

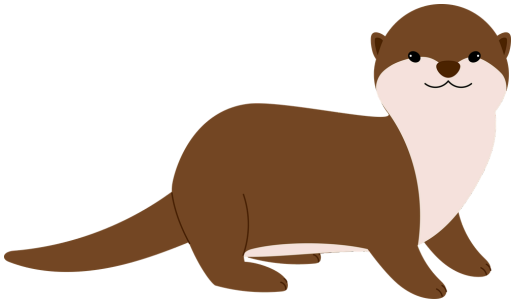
Finally, our P.E. day will be on a Thursday afternoon. Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in a bag that it is clearly labelled. Now that the weather is turning a little warmer, please also make sure children have a labelled hat with them and they have had sun cream applied before coming to school.

To find out more about what we are learning, please visit the school website where there is a brief explanation about the subjects we are covering.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I am looking forward to the Summer term and some sunshine!

Miss Gibson



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