Otters Class Round-up



Wow what a busy half term Otters have had!

In English, we have been studying *Lizzy and the Cloud* – a story that the children have really enjoyed. Inspired by the book, we created our own manuals for looking after a pet cloud, using our imaginations and writing skills. Year 1 pupils have worked especially hard on improving their handwriting and the accuracy of their sentences. Meanwhile, Year 2 children have been extending their writing using expanded noun phrases and exclamations to make their sentences more exciting.

In maths this half term, Otters have been working hard on fractions. We used our imaginations (and lots of cake examples!) to help us understand what halves and quarters are. This hands-on approach really helped bring the learning to life. Year 2s built on this by exploring three quarters and thirds, showing great perseverance and understanding. We then took our learning even further by using our knowledge of halves and quarters to find fractions of amounts. The children did brilliantly with this tricky concept. Over the summer holidays, I encourage them to keep practicing - whether it's spotting halves in the world around them or even helping to cut a cake at home!

This half term, we've had lots of fun in our foundation subjects. In Design and Technology, we loved learning how to sew and were so proud to use our new skills to design and create our very own puppets—each one was unique and full of character! In Geography, we became experts at comparing our local area to Kota Kinabalu in Malaysia, spotting similarities and differences in weather, buildings, and landscapes. In Science, we explored minibeasts by building our own bug hotels. We observed them over time and carefully evaluated which bugs came to visit and why. It's been a hands-on, exciting term full of discovery!

Otters have worked incredibly hard this year and should be very proud of all they have achieved. Their enthusiasm for learning shines through every day, whether they're exploring new topics, tackling tricky challenges, or sharing their brilliant ideas. It's been a joy to see their confidence grow and their love of learning continue to flourish throughout the year.

Have a fantastic break over summer and I look forward to welcoming my new Otters class in September.

Miss Gibson :)