Otters Class – Summer 1 Round-up

What a fantastic half term it has been in Otters Class! We have been busy, curious, and full of enthusiasm as we explored new topics and built on our learning across all subjects.

In History, we've been learning all about the history of Broughton. The children were fascinated to discover how their village has changed over time. A highlight of the topic was our walking tour around the village. Thank you so much to Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Lloyd for giving us such a brilliant and informative tour! Seeing familiar places through a historical lens brought our learning to life, and we had so much fun spotting signs of the past in our local area.

Our Science this half term has been investigating habitats and the many ways animals adapt to survive in their environments. So far, we've learned about different types of animals, variation between species, and the reasons behind adaptations. One of our favourite activities was building our very own wormery! We've been observing it daily, watching how worms behave in their micro-habitat and learning more about how these tiny creatures play a big role in nature. We linked our art learning into this topic by designing and creating our own butterfly collages, which were beautiful.

In English, we completed our UFO Diary learning journey, which gave us the chance to imagine and write our own versions of an exciting alien adventure. The Year 1 children worked incredibly hard on their handwriting and did a brilliant job expanding their sentences using conjunctions. Year 2s took things further by including subordinating conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and contractions in their writing. We're very proud of the progress everyone has made and the creativity shown in their stories!

Otters have done so well in Maths! They've been challenging themselves with trickier word problems and everyone has shown great determination. Year 2s have become number line experts; they can confidently jump forwards and backwards in steps of ones and tens. We've also improved our directional vocabulary across the class. Year 1s even created their own maps for a cuddly toy to follow, using language such as left, right, forwards, backwards, and half-turn. It was a fun and practical way to bring our learning to life!

This half term has been packed with learning, laughter, and discovery. Well done, Otters – we can't wait to see what the next term brings! See you next half term.

Miss Gibson :)