Otters Class

What a fantastic half-term it has been in Otters Class! We have been diving into the world of space, inspired by our English book *Astro Girl*. Through this story, we explored the dreams and determination of a young girl who aspires to be an astronaut, just like the real-life space explorers we learned about! Our English lessons were filled with creativity and curiosity as we researched and created our very own non-fiction books about space. From planets and stars to astronauts and rockets, everyone worked incredibly hard to gather fascinating facts and present them in exciting ways. It has been encouraging to see how much effort and enthusiasm has gone into each book—well done, Otters!

In Maths this half-term, Otters Class have been developing their skills in a range of areas. Our Year 1s have been exploring fractions, learning how to find halves and quarters of shapes. Through hands-on activities, they have been cutting, sharing, and sorting to build a strong understanding of equal parts. Meanwhile, Year 2s have been investigating mass, using scales to weigh different objects and compare which are heavier or lighter. They have also been learning how to read measurements in grams and kilograms. Across the class, we have also been learning about time, practicing how to read o'clock and half past times on an analogue clock.

Within Science, Otters Class have been learning about animal life cycles, discovering how different creatures grow and change. We explored the fascinating journeys of frogs, butterflies, and chickens, looking at how they transform from eggs to adults. The children loved sequencing the stages and spotting the differences between various life cycles. As we move into our next topic, we are turning our attention to how plants grow. We have started investigating what plants need to be healthy and have begun planting our own seeds to observe their growth We can't wait to see what happens and become expert gardeners in the process!

In RE, Otters Class have been learning about special foods and their importance in different religions and celebrations. We explored how food plays a role in traditions and the children enjoyed discussing the special meals they share with their own families. We had a go at recreating 'The Last Supper' where the children enjoyed sharing bread and drinking squash! In PSHE, our focus has been on kindness, thinking about the many ways we can be kind to ourselves and to others. We have shared stories, acted out kind scenarios, and even created a kindness challenge to encourage thoughtful actions in and out of the classroom.

Finally, we had an exciting visit from Wessex Archaeology, who taught us about shipwrecks and the incredible discoveries hidden beneath the sea! We learned how archaeologists explore and investigate sunken ships, uncovering clues about the past. One of the most exciting parts was trying out underwater writing, just like real marine archaeologists do. The children had a fantastic time testing special writing techniques and imagining what it would be like to uncover ancient treasures beneath the waves.