Welcome back to Otters Class Spring Term! I hope you have had an exciting and relaxing holiday. I am looking forward to hearing all about your Christmas adventures.



This term our topic is called 'Transport through the ages'. It will focus on different types of transport including planes, cars, trains and bicycles. During this topic we will be learning about Amelia Earhart, the Wright brothers, Stevenson's Rocket and the evolution of cars. Before half term, we will be looking at the history of transport and after half term we will have a geography focus, when we learn about map skills.

In D.T. this term, we will be creating our own cars with dowling and wooden wheels. These will then take part in a series of tests similar to a Top Gear Challenge. If anyone has any interest in this topic, has good resources or interesting contacts please let me know!

We will be carrying out a village walk, to identify places on a map, look at human and physical features and carry out a transport survey in Broughton. We also hope to go on a trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum. More details will follow about both of these trips.

This term we will be learning about timbre and rhythmic patterns in our music lessons and we will become experts in mixed media in our art lessons, focusing on the artists Catherine Rayner and Barbara Rae.

I will continue our spelling tests and set new homework on Thursdays. This will consist of spellings related to our phonics learning and a Mathletics task. The homework sheet is sent home in the children's homework book and is also on Google classroom. Year 2 children will also start getting timetable challenge books to complete.

The children will be having a variety of lessons outside this half term; Top Gear cars, getting our outside area ready for plants and planting before Easter, learning about road safety and taking our science lessons outside. Please make sure the children have appropriate shoes and trousers for this. This could be what the children will wear for the acre, or their wellies. They must be labelled please!

Finally our P.E. days will be on Monday and Thursday afternoons. In Monday's P.E lessons we will become dancers! Thursday's lesson will take place outside on the field when possible. Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in a bag on these days and that it is clearly labelled.

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

I am looking forward to the Spring term!

Miss Gibson