Hello and welcome everyone to Otter's Class!



I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday; I cannot wait to hear all about your adventures.

We have an exciting Autumn term ahead of us, filled with some interesting and fun topics. Before half term we are looking at 'London's Burning' which is all about the Great Fire of London and how it started. In the second half term our topic is 'Winchester,' in which we will investigate what is old and new and the geography of our local city.

We are lucky to have Mrs Baker who will be in on Monday to Thursday mornings and Miss Kerley supporting our class on a Friday morning.

Homework is sent out in a book on a Friday, and this book must be back in school by the following Thursday please. It will include spellings related to our phonics lessons and a maths task to practise, e.g., number bonds, times tables or division facts. We will then test these on a Thursday, with the scores reported back to you. In Otter's Class we love books, reading and listening to stories. It is very important that this is also carried out at home, with children reading aloud to an adult as frequently as possible. Please record this in their yellow reading diary. The children will have the opportunity to change their book at school and will also be heard reading by an adult twice a week.

Finally, our P.E days are Monday afternoon and Thursday afternoon. This term Monday's P.E lesson we will have the Intergr8 dance company and Thursday's (whenever possible) will take place outside on the field. Please make sure your child brings their P.E kit to school on a Monday, it can then be left in their lockers. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back, and no jewellery should be worn.

I look forward to meeting all of you and working with your children throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to see me if you have any concerns.

Molly Gibson