Welcome to the autumn term in Otters Class! I hope you have had a great summer holiday and are all ready for a busy and exciting term.



This term will be split into two topics. For the first half term we will be learning about famous Explorers. We will not only be learning about their adventures but about the countries that they visited. During this topic we will be going on our own adventures and learning what it takes to become an explorer. In the second half term our topic will be Inventors. We will learn about famous inventors throughout history and how their inventions are being used in the children's lives. Throughout this topic the children will be taking on a challenge to become an inventor.

Homework will be sent out in a book on a Friday and the book must be back in school by the following Thursday. The first homework will be sent home on Thursday 8th September. It will include spellings related to our phonics lessons. We will then test these on a Thursday and the scores will be reported back to you. The children do not need to practise in the book, but can do so if they wish. The children will also be set tasks on Mathletics, which will also need to be completed weekly. There will be more information about this at a later date.

This year we will continue to read with your child three times in a week and then send your child's book home. The children will also be responsible for picking a sharing book from our book corner to take home. This sharing book can be changed as frequently as it needs to be. It is important for the children to read out loud to an adult at home. This needs to be done as frequently as possible and recorded in their blue reading diary. This year I have set up a reading challenge where I will look in the children's reading diary on a Friday and if they have read three times to an adult at home during that week they will receive a sticker to put on a book mark, once they have collected three stickers they will then receive a scented sticker. Once they complete the whole book mark they will earn a prize!

This term the children will be busy this term with their outdoor learning. We will be preparing the ground, creating our own maps and going on explorations. We will also be taking our Literacy and Maths lessons outside. Please make sure the children have a pair of wellies in school so that they are ready for this.

Finally our P.E days are Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon. This term Monday's P.E lesson takes place outside on the field when possible and Tuesday's lesson will be dance. This lesson will be taught by Mrs Devereux. Please make sure your child wears their P.E kit in on these days. Long hair should be tied back and jewellery should not be worn. The children have been given their own small locker in school, please make sure their P.E kit is in a bag that will fit easily into the locker (No large backpacks).

I look forward to meeting all of you, and working with your children throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any concerns.

Miss Laura Morris