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 time.



We are fortunate to have several additional adults support the class this term:

- Mrs Cantelo- supporting the class as a teaching assistant in the morning.
- Mrs Devereux from Lions in the Community- teaching the class P.E on a Tuesday afternoon.

This term will be split into two topics, one before half term and one after. For the first half term our topic is called 'London's burning'. During this topic we will learn all about the history of the Great fire of London, which will include ordering the events and finding out about the causes of the fire. In the second half term our topic is 'Winchester'. In this topic we will investigate what is old and new, the geography of the city and create our own stained glass windows.

This term we are going to be going on an exciting fruit hunt around the village. We will then be making a sweet treat the day after. More information about this will follow.

Homework is sent out in a book on a Friday and the book must be back in school by the following Thursday. It will include spellings related to our phonics lessons. We will then test these on a Thursday. We are keen to encourage the children to try their best and will reward effort and attainment. The children do not need to practise in the book, but can do so if they wish. They 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.

It is also 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. The children will change their book during the school day and will be heard read by an adult twice a week. There will be another letter to follow about this.

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 are also taking our Literacy and Maths lessons outside. Please make sure the children have wellies or old shoes in school to do this.

Finally our P.E days are Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon. This term Monday's P.E lesson will be dance in the hall and Tuesday's lesson will be on the field when possible. 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.

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 Morris