Otters Class – Half-termly Round-up

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting term, it's the perfect time to celebrate everything our amazing Otters have achieved. We have worked so hard in all areas of learning, showing resilience, enthusiasm and a real love for discovering new things.

In English, our learning journey with the wordless text *Flashlight* has been a real highlight. Without any words to guide us, we had to become detectives, carefully studying the illustrations to understand what the characters were doing and feeling. We made thoughtful inferences, shared brilliant ideas and explored the story from different viewpoints. It was wonderful to see how imaginative the children were, and how confidently they discussed their interpretations. After exploring the pictures, we planned and wrote our own versions of the story, adding words to bring the adventure to life. The progress in writing this term—especially in vocabulary, sentence structure, and stamina—has been fantastic to see.

In Maths, the Otters have been developing their understanding of sharing and grouping, two key concepts that form the foundations of multiplication and division. We worked practically, using counters and pictures to help us explain our thinking clearly. After that, we moved on to exploring 2D and 3D shapes. The children enjoyed naming the shapes, spotting their different properties, and hunting for them around the classroom and in everyday objects. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence grow as they make connections and apply what they know.

Of course, one of the most special parts of this term has been preparing for our Big Little Nativity. The class threw themselves into learning lines, practicing songs, and putting together a performance that truly sparkled. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and bravery on stage was incredible. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed creating it—it was a moment we will all remember!

I am so proud of the progress each and every child has made this term. From trying new challenges to supporting their friends, from developing their learning to showing kindness every day, the Otters have shown what a fantastic class they are. You have all earned a very well-deserved rest.

As we head into the holidays, I hope you have a wonderful break filled with family, fun, and festive cheer. I can't wait to hear all about your Christmas adventures and to welcome you back, refreshed and ready for more exciting learning, in the New Year.

Wishing you all a magical Christmas and a happy, restful holiday! Miss Gibson