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.



I'm sure Otters will love our history unit this half term. We will be learning all about Mary Anning, the famous fossil hunter from Lyme Regis. The children will discover how she searched along the cliffs, carefully finding and collecting fossils that helped scientists understand prehistoric life. We will explore her incredible discoveries, including the first complete ichthyosaur skeleton, and talk about how her curiosity and determination made her an important figure in history. The class will also have the chance to examine fossils, ask questions and imagine what it might be like to make an exciting discovery of their own!

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 Fridays. This will consist of spellings related to our phonics learning and maths workout from the CGP books. Please see Class DoJo for copies of spellings and any important information. Year 2 children will also start getting timetable challenge books to complete. They can work their way through these, get tested and aim to pass them in order to move on to the next.

The children will be having a variety of lessons outside this half term; getting our outside area ready for plants and planting before Easter 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. day will be on a Thursday afternoon. Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in a bag 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 :)