

Class Newsletter

Spring Term



MATHS

In maths this term, Otters will be sharpening their multiplication and division skills and applying them in real-life contexts, including work with fractions, decimals, and percentages. We'll also be exploring perimeter and area, followed by an exciting short unit on statistics and data interpretation. These topics will give children plenty of opportunities to problem-solve and see how maths connects to the world around them!

READING

In reading this term, Otters will dive into a variety of exciting short extracts that celebrate themes like Chinese New Year, National Storytelling Week, Science Week, and Children's Mental Health Week. Through these texts, we'll strengthen key skills such as retrieval and inference, while encouraging lively discussions that help children share their ideas and build confidence in speaking. It's going to be a wonderful opportunity for them to connect with important events and broaden their understanding of the world!



WRITING

In writing this term, Otters will be finishing their exciting unit on contemporary narratives, inspired by the theme of 'hopes and dreams.' Children will be practising key storytelling techniques, including the use of ellipsis and accurate speech punctuation, as they craft imaginative pieces. Once this unit is complete, we'll move on to report writing, linking our work to the fascinating topics we're exploring in science. It's a great opportunity for the children to develop both creativity and factual writing skills!

WIDER CURRICULUM

In our wider curriculum this term, Otters will be investigating fascinating science topics, including materials and forces. In history, we'll continue our exploration of the Benin Kingdom and the transatlantic slave trade, uncovering important stories from the past. In geography, we'll be learning about renewable energy and the incredible diversity of biomes around the world. These subjects will give children plenty of opportunities to ask questions, think critically, and make connections across different areas of learning!

THINGS TO REMEMBER....

PE Kits- Please ensure PE kits are in school all week. Our PE sessions this term will be on **Tuesday mornings** and **Friday afternoons**.

Homework- Homework is due on **Monday** and will be set again on **Tuesday**. This includes **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)**, reading, and spellings.

Reading Diaries- Reading diaries are checked every **Tuesday**, and books will be changed at this time. Please make sure your child records their reading in the diary and that it is signed by an adult.

Dojo- Dojo cannot be checked regularly throughout the day due to me teaching. If you have anything you would like to discuss urgently, please ring the office or speak to me at the end of the day.