



Otter Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2024

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,
It is with great pleasure that we welcome back Otter Class in school after what I am sure has been a very busy summer break.
This year the class will be led by myself, with learning support for individual children and small groups provided by Mrs Tobin who will be focusing on providing targeted interventions.

Mrs Tipper & Mrs Tobin

Weekly reminders

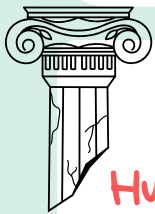
Tuesday: PE Kit

Wednesday: Return

Homework; Books changed

Thursday: PE Kit

Friday: Homework set



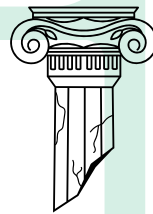
Curriculum

Humanities & Art

In History, we will discover how people in Ancient Greece lived and we will learn about the gods they worshipped, the jobs they had and the homes they lived in. We will also discover famous Greeks such as Alexander the Great and Pythagoras.

During our Geography lessons, we will follow the steps that some heroes of the Greek legends we will be reading took, using maps and exploring the geographical features of the landscapes that they would have come across.

Our art lessons will follow closely the themes discovered in those legends, with the creation of wings for Icarus and a large scale sculpture of the Minotaur.



Dates to remember

13th September- Roald Dahl Day

18th September- "Meet the Teacher" Session

20th September- Otter Class Presentation

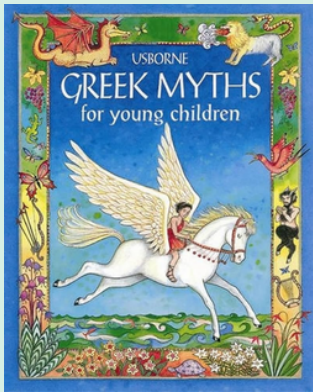
27th September- Macmillan Cake Sale

4th October- Poetry Share afternoon from 2.15pm

10th October- World Mental Health Day

23rd October- Harvest Festival





English

This half term, we will be focusing on sentence construction and structure particularly, as well as spelling, grammar and punctuation. We shall be 'going back to basics' to ensure a firm foundation to build our writing quality and quantity upon. We shall also be reading our new class text: Greek Myths for Young Children.

BRAVE

Our BRAVE unit will look at the Jewish tradition of Shabbat. Shabbat is a weekly day of rest to remember the story of creation in the Torah, where God rested on the seventh day after creating the world in six days.

PSHEE

PSHEE will focus on how to be a good friend. We will specifically be looking at the importance of seeking support if we feel lonely and how to recognise that feeling in others. We will also be learning how to solve disputes with our friends and what a positive friendship looks like.

French

In French, we will be learning how to greet people. We will practice saying 'bonjour' and expressing how we are feeling.



Computing

In Computing, we will be discovering the importance of staying safe online. We will make sure that we understand that we should not share personal details online.



Maths

Our lessons this half term will cover place value, and addition and subtraction. We will carry on practicing our multiplication tables weekly with TTRS and we will aim to stay in the green on Doodle Maths.

Music

In Music, we will be exploring body percussion and use our bodies to create the sounds you might associate with the rainforest.

Homework

Children should read for a minimum of fifteen minutes, three times a week. Children will complete tasks/games/activities linked to Spelling and Maths including multiplication tables, each week.