



Otter Class Newsletter

Spring 1 - 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term, we hope you have had a fantastic Christmas Break and managed to spend some much-needed time with friends and family. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and working with you all in this new year!

Mrs Tipper & Mrs Tobin

Weekly reminders

Tuesday: PE Kit or Swim Kit

Wednesday: Return homework; Books changed

Thursday: PE Kit

Friday: Homework set

Curriculum

Humanities and Art

Our theme to start the new year off is, 1066! We will be travelling back in time to discover and explore the events that led to The Battle of Hastings. We will study who was in line to be on the throne and why this caused such upheaval in our country. We will be designing our own castle to defend, thinking about where we might dine and where our armory will go! We will also be exploring and drawing parts of the famous Bayeux Tapestry before re-enacting the scenes of the battle!



Dates to remember

17th January- Class Presentation

3rd February- National Storytelling Week

10th February- Safer Internet Day

6th March- Share afternoon for World Book Day



English

In English this half term we will be writing a setting description linked to castles and battlegrounds. In the second half of this term we will be taking a look at how to use imperative verbs when writing instructions. Our class reader this half-term is I was There: 1066, The Norman Conquest.

BRAVE

Our BRAVE lessons will be looking at how the five pillars of Islam (profession of faith, prayer, alms or giving to charity, fasting, and pilgrimage) help Muslims express their faith.

PSHEE

In PSHEE, we will be looking at how we will grow and change. This will involve looking at the changes that happen during puberty.

French

We will be learning how to play French games including age and numbers. We will be learning songs that involve counting and asking and answering questions about our age.



Computing

In Computing this term, we will be starting to look at how to code using the program, Scratch. The children will learn how to write a simple code, use decomposition and learn what variables are. We will also be exploring emails.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to look and multiplication and division before moving on to fractions. As the Summer Term will soon be upon us, we will also be looking at times tables even more in preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Checks.

Music

During our Music lessons this term we will be exploring Samba and Carnival sounds. We will be learning how to play a syncopated beat and learning how to play the beat in time as well.

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 (TTRS), each week.