

The Outstanding Otters' News By Mrs Bond January 2024



Happy New Year everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed a well-deserved break with your families. Thank you very much for all of the very generous cards and gifts, they were very much appreciated!

We have made a wonderful start to our learning this half term, beginning with our Victorian Day. Thank you so much for the effort you put into your child's costume, they looked fantastic and we feel that it was a valuable experience for the children to continue their learning. To find out more about the topics we will be covering over the next few weeks, please see the other side of this letter. I will look forward to working with you and your child over the next few weeks.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 24th January: Compliment Someone Day
24th January- Science Club for Years 1 and 2

Tuesday 30th January: Year 1 Reading Café in the hall after school

Friday 2nd February: NSPCC number day (more information to follow)

Friday 9th February: Awesome Achievers Worship

School closes for the half term holidays

Learning Muscles

Here in the Otters' class we are always eager to give our learning muscles a work out! This term we are learning to...*persevere*! Please celebrate with your child when you have noticed them persevering when they have found something tricky! Here are the other learning muscles we love to stretch...

- Perseverance
- Have a go
- Use our imaginations
- Cooperation
- Concentration
- Enjoying learning
- Keep improving

Physical Education

This half term, Year 1 PE sessions will continue to take place on a Wednesday and Friday. Please can you ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school on these days, including a pair of pumps that fit. Can I politely request that all of your child's kit is labelled with their name. Changing for PE is often a time when uniform and PE kit can go missing. Ensuring your child's name is on their kit will make it easier for us to return lost items of clothing to you. Many thanks.

Reading

Reading is a life long skill and we are keen to support your child to be the best reader that they can be! Within school we listen to your child read 5 times a week (at least once individually and 4 guided practice sessions). Please help us to support your child by listening to them read at home. Remember to record this in their orange reading record book with a positive comment so that the staff in school can see where they have read up to. Many thanks!

Perseverance

Our Christian value for this term is Perseverance. Within worship and in the classroom we will be thinking about what it means to persevere and the importance of this when trying to reach our goals.

