

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Below are just a few reminders for this term:

### Reading

A gentle reminder that children are expected to read daily at home. Children get a new phonics book every Thursday. These must be returned to school the following Monday. Please send their yellow reading record into school each day. It is the children's responsibility to change their sharing book if they need to.

### Water bottles

Children should bring a water bottle to school each day to keep in the classroom and access when necessary. As the weather gets warmer please ensure your child brings in their water bottle every day.

### PE

We have PE every Monday and Friday. Children should wear PE kit to school on those days with appropriate footwear. On these days, any studs should be removed or covered up with plasters/ medical tape to prevent injuries.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Fagg and Ms. Newton

### English & Phonics

In phonics this term, we will be reviewing Phase 5 graphemes in preparation for the Phonics Screen Check in Term 6. We will be introducing the children to alien words and focussing on identifying digraphs and trigraphs within these.

In English, we will be writing our own fairy tales. We will be reading a range of fairy tales and learning features of them.

### History

This term we will be beginning a unit looking at how explorers changed the world. We will learn what an explorer is, where they have travelled to and when.

Children will learn about Christopher Columbus and Matthew Henson.

### RE

This term we will be finding out about different ceremonies to welcome home a new baby and exploring some of the symbolism in these ceremonies.

## Year 1

## Term 5

## Otters Class



### Maths

In Maths this term, we are learning multiplication and division, fractions and geometry. We will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and be looking at halves and quarters.

### PE

This term, we will be exploring Gymnastics and Tennis. In Gymnastics, we'll focus on developing balance through a variety of fun and challenging activities. In Tennis, we will work on improving their hand-eye coordination while learning the basis of the game.

### DT

In DT we will be learning about mechanisms focusing on wheels and axles. We will understand how wheels move and design and create our own pull-along toys.

### PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about relationships and discussing the relationships we have with our family, friends and ourselves.

### Music

This term we will be learning about pitch and tempo. Children will learn to identify a high and low note and simple tempo changes in music. We will learn to perform a pattern that gradually gets faster.