Otters Class

Year One Newsletter, Autumn 2 2026

Dates for your diary

Please see attatched list!

There is lots in the diary this term.

What we are learning

London's Calling!

Our topic this half term is London's Calling, where we will be discovering all about our capital city and what makes it so special.

In Geography, we will be identifying the four countries of the United Kingdom, their capital cities and the seas that surround us. We will also explore some of London's most famous landmarks and learn about the difference between physical and human features.

In Science, our topic is Animals. We will be identifying and naming a variety of animals, as well as describing, comparing and exploring their different body structures.

In Art, we will be exploring the exciting concept of Found Art. We will use our creativity and imagination to design and construct famous London landmarks using a range of recycled materials.

In English, we will be beginning our Curious Quests and exploring a selection of London-themed books. These will inspire our reading, writing and creative work as we develop our storytelling skills and bring our learning about London to life!

Some of our focus texts are:









Our Values this half term are

Respect and Kindness

We encourage children to value and respect themselves, each other and the world around them. We create a warm, caring and welcoming environment where kindness, empathy and understanding are at the heart of everything we do.

PE Kit Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit every TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY. Please ensure that all jumpers, hoodies and cardigans are clearly labelled.



Wellies

Please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies in school so that they can access the field. Children will not be allowed on the field without wellies and a waterproof coat.



Spelling

Every Friday, different assignments will be set focussing on graphemes and tricky words from the previous week. Please support your child to access Spelling Shed. If you have any difficulties logging on, please let me know. Please continue to read regularly with your child at home.

Phonics

We will continue to follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme, with a focus on learning and recognising the Phase 5 sounds. We will keep you updated on what your child is learning in phonics and share ways you can support their reading journey at home. Weekly challenge books will be sent home to give children the opportunity to practise and build confidence with their phonics and reading skills.

Our tricky words this half term are:
your, people, Mr, Mrs, could, would, should, house, mouse, water and want.





Maths

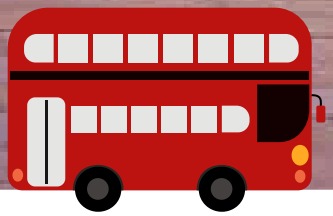
This half term, we will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills within 10. We will also be moving on to exploring 2D and 3D shapes as we approach Christmas.

Please encourage your child to practise Numbots at home. Just 10 minutes a week, which is our suggested amount, can make a huge difference to your child's confidence, fluency and progress in maths.



KIRFS

Our KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts) for Autumn 2 are to know number bonds to 5 and to read and write numbers to 20 in numerals and words.





Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16

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All the best, from Miss Page, Mrs Hillyer and Mrs Walton