



# Otter Class Newsletter

Spring 2 – Week 4

Dear Otter Class Families,

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## This week:

**English:** We continue to work on our current story cycle. The children are currently writing a wishing tale.

**Challenge 1!** Ask your child to tell you their basic story outline. All of the children should know their simplified story in about 5 sentences.

Knowing the outline well, before you start, makes the writing process much easier.

**Challenge 2!** Ask your child to tell you what makes a story a 'wishing tale'. There are 5 stages that a wishing tale must go through and their story outline will follow this.

**Science:** Our new unit looks at the overall relationship between BMI and heart rate. So far, we have looked at the heart, blood and the circulatory system and yesterday we started to learn about the effect of food on our bodies.

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## Homework:

Homework will be set on Monday this week. I will update the website on Monday and the homework requirements will be displayed in class as always.

Please try to support your children to complete the homework on time and bring their homework books back to school. A number of children either didn't do the homework or left books at home this week.

Children can always bring books back earlier; we have boxes in the classroom that the books live in.

Homework books need to be in school on the day the homework is in, regardless of whether it has been completed. Anyone who hasn't completed the homework is given chance to do it at school across a

couple of lunches (so that it is only a very small amount of each lunchtime that they need to stay in for) before we mark as a class. It's much better for them to do this in their books than for me to provide photocopies that then get stuffed in books and become tatty or are lost!

We cannot mark the homework as a class unless all children have a finished piece of homework in front of them, whether it was done at home or school, in the book or on a photocopy.

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### Parents' evenings:

I'm looking forward to catching up with you all next week at our parents' evenings. I am going to ask that it's parents only this time please, no other children. If they need to come to school with you then that's fine of course, there will be somewhere they can wait for you while we talk.

It looks like there might be a couple of parents who haven't managed to book a slot yet, I will send you an email separately to let you know what's left.

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As always, please remember, if there is anything you want to discuss, you can catch me on the playground for a quick chat or email [otter@hinghamprimary.org.uk](mailto:otter@hinghamprimary.org.uk). Remember, previous newsletters are on our class page, along with links to TTRS and AR.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Moore