



Otter Class Newsletter

15th – 18th October 2024

Dear Otter Class Families,

In a bid to limit how much I add to these newsletters, I've decided to try a new format. Hopefully it makes the newsletters easier to look at and makes finding information quicker too. We've almost finished our first half term in year 6 and what a fantastic half term it has been. You should all be very proud of your young people. They have taken the roles and responsibilities that come with being in year 6 in their stride and are excellent role models.

This week

In computing, we finished our communication unit and the children completed their assessment, digitally of course!

The class recorded "advice to a friend" in PSHRE, after talking about where to get help for physical or mental health and whether all help is "helpful".

There has been a lot of lovely, independent writing in English, which will continue next week.

Finally, in science, we set up our mouldy bread experiment!

Yesterday, the school held an open morning for families looking at sending their child here in reception next year! Year 6 children took families round on a tour of the school. I was so proud when, while visiting the year 6 classroom, many adults mentioned how great the children were doing. They also fed this back to Mrs Newrick who was also really impressed with everyone. I've since had many teachers coming to me to tell me how amazing they all were as they took the families round. Well done everyone!

Homework

As I said in my email on Monday, homework this week is pages 8 and 9 in the maths book, 36 and 37 in the grammar book, plus some time on TTRS (15 minutes across the week) and AR (either quizzing on a completed book or doing an article quiz).

Hopefully TTRS and AR are now showing the correct information. I've spoken to and checked with all the children who thought they had an issue but if anything else comes up, they just need to let me know.

AR issues

I'm aware that some people may not have the article option showing on their AR. If that's the case, please do not worry. As long as they are reading regularly, that's all I'm worried about. I also realise that for some people, the AR link is taking you to the wrong school page which means the children

cannot login (or will be on someone else's profile!). I have attempted today to change the link so that it will ask you for the Renaissance ID (which is on the webpage above the link). If this does not work, please help your child to use an incognito/private browser tab. The reason for the error is a historic change in ID on AR. If your browser is remembering where you went, it will now take you to the wrong school. By using a private/incognito window to use the link on the class page, it should take you to the correct place. If not, there are always opportunities for the children to quiz at school.

Attendance

We're getting close to half term now and everyone is feeling it: we are all tired and there are lots of bugs doing the rounds. This week was the lowest attendance we've seen in Otters, with a number of late arrivals too. Please continue to support your child to be in at 08:45 so that no learning is missed. Of course, if a child is too ill to be at school, then we completely understand the need to keep them at home. However, attendance is really important so if they have a cold/sore throat etc but are well enough in themselves to be at school then they should be in. Here is a link to the NHS site which provides information on particular illnesses that require children to stay at home: [NHS - Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Class webpage

Don't forget, we have our class page on the school website. All newsletters are on there, the homework is updated on there, and I will try to add photos of the children's learning when I can. [Otter - Class Page](#)

Dates (subject to change)

21.10.24 - Parents evening sign up sheets will be available in the front playground.

24.10.24 - Last day of this half term (Thursday)

24.10.24 - Halloween Disco

25.10.24 - First day of the half term holiday (Friday)

04.11.24 - Back to school (Monday)

07.11.24 - Individual and sibling photos

08.11.24 - NSPCC workshop (Y2/5/6)

W/C 11.11.24 - Parent's evening week

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember, you can catch me on the playground for a quick chat or you can email otter@hinghamprimary.org.uk

Mrs Moore