

## Otter Class Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September



It's hard to believe we've completed a full week of school since going on the residential! I think it's taken everyone a little while to fully recover and catch up on sleep!

Here's a little of what we have been working on:

**Maths:** Place Value – we have officially come to the end of our place value unit but this is something which we will keep coming back to throughout the year.

We have also completed some investigations, to put our place value knowledge to the test.

**English:** For our autobiographies, we have started thinking about some entertaining stories that we would be willing to share. With partners, we have been using our oracy skills to tell snippets of stories and work out what the key details are. In SPaG, we have already looked at word roles, plus relative and subordinate clauses and we are now moving on to commas, semi-colons and colons.

**PE:** We have been trying to improve how we work as a team in PE. It's something we will continue to work on. Remember, everyone in a team is important: you're working together but every individual must make sure they are being their best in order for the team to work as a whole.

As always, if you have any questions or problems, please pop us an email at [otter@hinghamprimary.org.uk](mailto:otter@hinghamprimary.org.uk).

### Coming Up:

#### Thursday

- Mrs Moore is on a course all day. A supply teacher will be looking after year 6 all day (no Mr Shackleton in the afternoon either).

### Reminders:

- Children need a waterproof coat (preferably with a hood), wellies and a water bottle in school, every day.
- No "fidgets" etc to be brought in from home.
- Names should be written in/on everything, so we can get any lost items back to you quickly.
- Fruit and veg snacks for break time, only please. **No nuts at any time.**

We have noticed that a few children aren't bringing a bag with them to school. Children should have a bag with them every day; at minimum they need it for their water bottle and their reading book (which they should be taking home to read each night). It's also a good idea for them to have spare socks in case they get wet over lunchtime while wearing spare shoes/wellies. We also occasionally have letters and things to hand out which are easier to take home in a bag (especially if it's raining!).

Children will definitely be expected to have a bag at secondary school, so this is another important habit to get into now.

Finally, homework books are arriving soon and these will also need to be taken home and brought back to school.

### Residential:

The children were great on the residential. We all had a brilliant time and hopefully they've told you all about it. A lot of learning happened! Children pushed themselves to try new foods, worked through difficult activities and supported each other. This year, we are really working hard on independence, in readiness for high school, and the residential definitely highlighted some areas to work on.

I'm sorry I haven't managed to get the rest of the photos onto the website. Apart from needing to spend time with my family when I returned, I obviously lost the evenings when I would have been working, so I spent the weekend after the residential planning and preparing for the week ahead. I also spent the week that followed trying to catch up get back on track. As soon as I can, I will get everything onto the website and will let you know when it is done.