



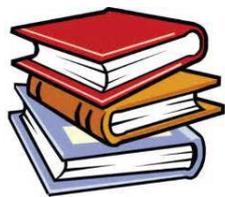
## Otters Class Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2017

I would like to take this opportunity to say welcome to Otters Class. We hope you all had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

This September we've jumped straight in to a creative project about Scarecrows. The children were visited by Jim the scarecrow who told them a story and set them a scarecrow making challenge. Children in Otters Class chose to make an 'eco-friendly' scarecrow. They decorated a patchwork piece of felt with their woodland walk findings and recorded a message that the eco-scarecrow would say on the iPad.

Our Theme for this half term is 'Amazing me'. Please look at our topic web for details of the exciting things we will be learning about in each subject area. Later this half term we hope to be practising and presenting our circus skills. Further information about this will follow.



We have spoken with the children's Year 1 teachers and hope to make the transition from Year 1 to Year 2 as swift and effective as possible. Children will regularly bring home specially selected books to read. We hope that you will encourage your child to read as often as possible and fill in the reading record. When your child has finished a book they will need to return it to school where they can choose another. A home learning book will be sent home on a Friday to be completed over the weekend. There will be a range of activities for you and your child to choose from related to our theme. Please return this book by the following Thursday.

Towards the end of May, children in Year 2 will be taking the Year 2 National Curriculum tests in Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation, and Maths. Whilst we will be working hard at school to ensure that children reach the end of Year 2 expectations, any additional reading, mental maths, spelling work that you can do at home will be very beneficial.

Your child's PE kit will need to be in school on **Wednesday** when we will be having our PE session. In the afternoon Mrs Ennis and Premier sport will teach dance and multi skills with your children.



We are very excited about the year ahead in Otters Class and we have many fabulous topics coming up further in the year. Please feel free to make an appointment before or after school if you wish to speak to either of us about your child's learning or wellbeing.

Kind regards,

Mrs P Ratcliffe  
Assistant Headteacher  
Otters Class teacher

and

Mrs R Hunt  
Assistant Headteacher  
Otters Class teacher

