

Otters Class Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

What have the Otters been up to this week?

-This week in Maths we have been learning how to use the column method for subtraction. We have been learning the golden rules to help us be successful. Make sure you ask your Otter what these are.

-In English, we have started to craft our 'The Little Island' narratives with a twist. We know the story so well that we are re-imagining it by changing the characters, setting and predators. I have been impressed with their imaginative ideas, while keeping the essence of the story. It has been great to see how invested they are in their stories.

Our core concept this term is:

Risk and Responsibility

This week in our core concept learning we have focussed on all things volcanoes! The week began with our volcano artwork, which I shared on Dojo, I hope you agree that they were fantastic! They are displayed proudly in the school. To test their knowledge about volcanoes, we had a codebreakers session where they had to work as a team to crack the code to reveal the question and answer it. Then we researched some of the world's most dangerous volcanoes to create a set of top trump cards, which we all played together! We also explored Earthquakes and Tsunamis.

Celebrations and what the Otters have to say…

For our **'Work on the Wall'** – this week we are celebrating **Rupert** and **Lucian** for their volcano artwork. They successfully used the painting techniques to show a volcanic eruption. Great job, keep it up 😊

Our Headteacher's Award – this week it goes to **Stanley** for his perseverance in Maths and his contribution demonstrating PE during our open afternoon.

Our Pupil Voice **"The most dangerous type of volcano is a stratovolcano"** Archie during our volcano codebreakers activity re-capping our learning about volcanoes.

Important Information:

- Remember wellington boots and wet weather gear for Forest School every Wednesday – Welly Wednesday
- Coats- please make sure your Otter has a coat in school each day as the weather is proving changeable.
- Friday 23rd October- TAG Day, PTA cake sale and last day of Term 1.

Otters,

It has been another busy week in Otters class. All of the Otters were really helpful during our Open Afternoon and showcased our school in the best possible light. They really were shining stars, speaking to parents and their children, sharing their learning and helping with other activities around the school. We have some great things planned for the last week of term.

As always, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Smith





