

Otters Class Newsletter.

Friday 9th January 2026

What have the Otters been up to this week?

- This week in Maths we have looked at factor pairs, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and how to use the multiplication facts we know to help us solve trickier questions!
- In English, we have started looking at our text of 'The Tin Forest', we have sketched and describe the setting from the description only, explored the main character and compared two different parts of the story. The children have engaged really well with this and have produced some great work!
- As part of our new core concept Perspective and Empathy, we have looked at deforestation. We have zoomed in on the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil to do this and begun to understand the problems with deforestation.
- In Science, we used what we learnt at the start of the year at the farm to help us understand how seeds are dispersed and listed the different ways plants can grow.
- We explored the artist Jelly Green this week who specialises in drawing forests affected by deforestation. The children were really inspired by her artwork.
- The children had their first Welly Wednesday session this week with Russell - getting very muddy but having lots of fun!
- It was lovely to hear about the children's holidays, what Santa bought them, the places they went and the things they learnt. They were all refreshed and ready, some of them with new hair cuts too.

Celebrations and What the Otters have to say...

For our 'Work on the Wall' this week we are celebrating **Rufus R** and **Nigel**. Rufus has been so dedicated to his maths this week, having a go and moving on to challenges. He has embraced every piece and has worked on his presentation to ensure it is neat. Nigel has also worked really hard this week but especially on his English. He drew a detailed setting from the description and labelled it independently with adjectives.

Our Headteacher's Award goes to... **Maddie!** Maddie has really stood out this week for her commitment, courage and curiosity to learning. She has asked "can I do more?" "can I just finish this bit before break?" She has embraced everything and it is lovely to see her sparkle.

Our Pupil Voice:

"I loved the Christmas holidays but I am so glad to be back at school!"



Important Information:

- **Welly Wednesday** is our new outdoor learning time so please ensure children have wellies, layers and a change of clothes in school.
- Please make sure anything brought to school is named so it can be returned to the rightful owner.

It's been lovely to see all the children back and ready for the next term. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Titmarsh ☺