



Otters Class Newsletter

Friday 9th 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 addition. 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 been writing our recounts of 'The Little Island' from the perspective of the geese. I have to say I have been very impressed with the personality in their writing and vocabulary choices. We have also worked on some illustrations to help bring our Little Island writing display to life!

-In Science, we completed our experiment and wrote our concluding thoughts. We also looked at some real-world sound data from Wingham Wildlife Park. We were able to look at different species and the different volumes they created across a day. We decided that it was quiet at night because they would be sleeping.

Our core concept this term is:

Risk and Responsibility

This week we have continued to work on our volcano art. We explored the painting techniques of impasto, sgraffito and tonking. We are going to use these in our finished pieces to show movement and the power of an erupting volcano. We will continue our work next week when we design our volcanoes and the plan how we are going to use these painting techniques.

Celebrations and what the Otters have to say...

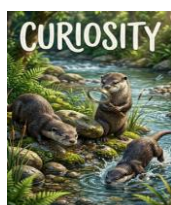
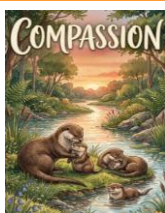
For our **'Work on the Wall'** - this week we are celebrating **Zac** and **Noah** for their recounts of 'The Little Island'. Zac tried so hard with his writing and Noah for his perseverance and ideas. Great job, keep it up 😊

Our Headteacher's Award - this week it goes to **Marcella** for her perseverance in Maths, using column addition.

Our Pupil Voice "They are quiet at 12pm because they'll be eating lunch." Stanley, examining our sound data from Wingham Wildlife Park.

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
- Thursday 15th October- Open afternoon (please share with family or friends who have a child starting school in September 2027).



Otters,

What a week it has been in Otters class, lots of great learning and a trip to the farm for Year 3! As always, I am very proud of the Otters as they continue to work hard and produce amazing work. In class we have continued to highlight our value of 'Compassion', especially at playtimes. I would be grateful if parents could reinforce the message of using kind hands and words.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Smith