



Otters Class Newsletter

Friday 25th April 2026
What have the Otters been up to this week?



What a great first week back after the Easter break.

-Super work in Maths this week! We have been exploring mass and capacity. Our focus this week has been measuring in grams and kilograms, comparing masses and adding and subtracting masses.

-In English the Otters have started reading our Power of Reading text 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper. We have also been honing our comprehension skills whilst examining a non-fiction piece about Medieval castles. I must say I have been impressed with how the Otters have used evidence in the text to explain their thinking.

-In Science we have begun our learning about rocks and soils. This week we have explored how rocks can be grouped according to their properties.

Our core concept this term is:

Celebration and Change

This week our introduction to the topic started with a bang and lots of confetti in Collective Worship. This informed our conversations and work about what celebration and change mean and what they mean to us. As we progress through the term we will be exploring how the Earth is changing at the hands of humans and naturally.

Welly Wednesday- We observed how the willow had changed since it was planted in the polytunnel and we enjoyed the sunshine!

Skip 2 B Fit Workshop- Today we took part in the Skip 2 B Fit 2 minute challenge, our class winners were Marcella and Isla- super skipping everyone!

Celebrations and what the Otters have to say...

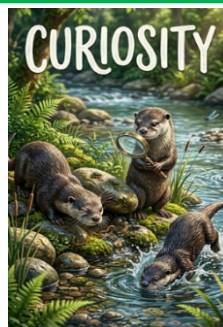
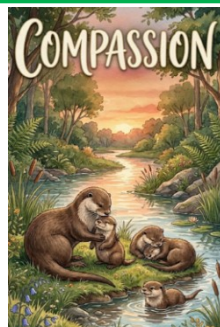
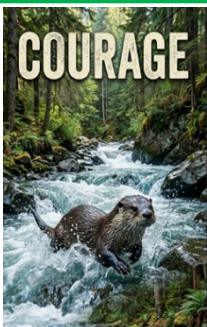
For our 'Work on the Wall' - this week we are celebrating **William and Sofia**. William has been a maths superstar this week, working hard and approaching challenges with maturity and excellent reasoning. Sofia did a beautiful job of looking closely at a selection of different rocks, drawing and classifying them in different ways - well done, keep it up 😊

Our Headteacher's Award - this week it goes to **Danny** for his hard work in all of his learning and humour this week. Well done all the Otters for a great week!

"Our willow has really grown!" Georgie.

Important Information:

- Farm school this term for Year 4 is Thursday 30th April and Year 3 will be the following week, Thursday 7th May.
- Remember wellington boots and wet weather gear for Forest School every Wednesday - Welly Wednesday.



Teacher Message:

Thank you for such a warm welcome. I have had a lovely first week at Stelling Minnis. The Otters have been very welcoming as I begin to get my bearings and get to know them. Have a great weekend and I look forward to our adventures next week!

Mrs Smith xx