



Otter Class Newsletter

18th – 22nd November

Dear Otter Class Families,

Our Learning:

Maths – More fractions this week, with lots of work on comparing and ordering. We've been thinking about a favourite food that's shaped like a rectangle: imagining it being cut into slices, and considering which set of slices we'd rather be offered, really helps when looking at fractions and deciding which is bigger!

English – We've started work on our next big piece of writing: our review of the "Catch It" video. We're working on this as a class, building banks of words and phrases together to slot into some supported writing. There will then be a really good example in all books, ready for the next challenge: watching a different video and writing a totally independent review of it.

DT – I hope all the children came home enthused about pasta after Wednesday's tasting session!

Science – The children all had to really think today, when I challenged them to draw and label a periscope and explain how it works. This was for our science "cold task" to start our work on light. Cold tasks show us what is already known (which sometimes is "not a lot" when it's a new topic and that's absolutely fine!), with hot tasks giving the children the space to show exactly what they've learned through the unit of work.

Homework:

I didn't set homework this week as the children had their spelling bee words to work on. I also set the reading challenge (see previous email for details). Well done to the children who already had things in the reading records to show me today, what a great start! Hopefully there'll be lots more stamps and stickers to give out on Monday.

TTRS

As always, any time the children can spend on TTRS will greatly benefit them so please encourage this.

Things to remember:

- Children need a suitable coat and spare shoes/wellies in school each day. We go on the field as often as possible at lunchtime, but this can only happen if the children have a change of footwear. With the winter really setting in, coats must be worn (and zipped up) at breaktime and lunchtime.
- Please make sure everything is named.
- All children need to bring a water bottle with them, every day please. We do our best to provide a cup when bottles are forgotten, but cups can't be taken out with us when we go for PE. Also, all drinks stay next to the sink, but where children are feeling unwell/have a cough, I allow individuals to keep their drink with them until they are better – sadly I cannot do this with an open cup.
- PE is on Wednesday and Thursday. Please wear PE kit and remember, no jewellery (including earrings), hair needs to be tied back and badges need to be removed from jumpers.
- Our class page on the website has the links to TTRS and AR, along with the Renaissance ID that you might need for AR. If you do find yourself on the wrong school, please try using a private/incognito tab on your web browser. [Year 6](#)

Dates for the diary (subject to change):

- 25.11.24 New swimming group starts – please have kit in school.
- 28.11.24 Sugar Appeal launch
Cross country final
- 29.11.24 SEN café in the hall (for parents/carers) 09:00-10:00
- 02.12.24 Swimmers need kit
- 05.12.24 UKS2 sing to the luncheon club at Lincoln Hall
- 06.12.24 SEN café in the hall (for parents/carers) 09:00-10:00
- 09.12.24 Swimmers need kit
- 11.12.24 Nativity at St Andrews church
- 13.12.24 SEN café in the hall (for parents/carers) 09:00-10:00
- 18.12.24 Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas dinner
- 19.12.24 Christmas party with James D
- 20.12.24 SEN café in the hall (for parents/carers) 09:00-10:00
Last day of term.

Have a lovely, restful weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Moore