



Marston Thorold's Primary School Newsletter

Yearly Newsletter

Otter Class 2026/2027



I am delighted to welcome the children back for what promises to be an enjoyable and busy academic year. I am sure that they are feeling fully recharged and ready to emerge themselves in their learning. This year, alongside myself your child's learning will be supported by Mrs Bravo and Mrs Armstrong. I would like to thank you in advance for supporting your child's learning at home with their reading and their homework as it makes a real difference. Please do not hesitate to see me if you have any questions or queries during the year.



What's happening in Autumn Term?

Our work in English begins by focusing on *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna. The children will use this Picture book as a basis for their own narrative writing. Later in the term we will use our learning in science on the circulatory system to support our writing of an explanation text. In geography our attention is drawn to Cromer where we will develop our map reading skills as well as consider natural resources. In design and technology the children will be using tools, including saws, to create a model from their own playground design before moving on to using different stitches to create waistcoats. Our year 6 residential also takes place this term. Meanwhile our history unit sees us learning about the Second World War whilst our PSHE how we can keep our bodies and making a difference in the community.



What's happening in Spring Term?

The children's investigations in science will be based on forces during the Spring Term as well as learning about the 'Theory of Evolution'. The theme of World War Two continues into this new term but with a particular focus with how it impacted on the people and environment locally. Volcanoes will be the motivation behind our work in geography whilst we will be looking at how we can express ourselves in art during the unit entitled 'Making my Voice Heard'. In PSHE we focus on how the body changes during puberty and personal hygiene. A letter providing more details about the content of this unit will be sent to you prior to its beginning. Meanwhile in computing, the children will be exploring Microsoft Word.



What's happening in Summer Term?

As we begin the Summer Term, Indiana Jones, Alma and David Almond's Skellig will provide the basis for the Children's writing whilst the poem The Highwayman will be the final stimuli to conclude this year's English work. In geography we will be learning about the world's mountains whilst in history we will be learning about how Britain has changed since 1948. Our French work during this term is based on sport. A real treat is in store as our design and technology unit is entitled 'Come Dine With Me'. During this, the children will design their own menus before inviting you in to try their cooking!



PE

P.E. for Otter Class will be on a Monday and a Wednesday. The year 6's will be going swimming on a Wednesday morning until Christmas.

Autumn 1 - Y6 Swimming Y5 Fitness Y5/6 Netball

Autumn 2 - Y6 Swimming Y5 Yoga Y5/6 Hockey

Spring 1 - Gymnastics and Team Building

Spring 2 - Dance and Dodgeball

Summer 1 - Basketball and Tennis

Summer 2 - Rounders and Pupil Choice

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit for these days.

Reading Books

One of the most effective ways in which you can support your child's education and progress is ensuring that they read on a regular basis. We encourage you to listen to your child read for 10 minutes a day as much as is possible. Please record in your child's Reading Journal when they have read at home. If a child is a confident and fluent reader it enables them to access information across the curriculum and wider. Your child will be expected to successfully complete at least one Accelerated Reader quiz each month. Where children are struggling to find sufficient time to read at home we will support them in a Monday lunchtime reading club.

We encourage all of our children in Otter Class to read wide and read often.



Homework

Your child will receive a homework grid each half term. They can select which pieces they complete during the term. We encourage the children to select a range of activities from the grids. Homework books should be returned on a fortnightly basis with a least one piece of homework completed. We thank you for your support with this.

Spelling

The weekly spellings taught in class can be found on the class website page. Your child will receive additional spellings on Tuesday and will be tested on these the following Monday. The children can use a range of strategies (used in class) to learn them. We will record your child's score in their Reading Journal.

Website

Link to class page

Our website contains a wealth of information that you may find helpful.

On your child's class page, you can find:

- Homework grids
- Knowledge organisers
- Photo updates
- Spellings

On our main website, you can find information about our:

- Policies and reports
- Term dates
- Newsletters
- School information
- School meals
- SEND

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