



# Otters Class Newsletter Term 5

Hello and welcome back!

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed the time off. This term will be rather short with two bank holidays in it, so we really need to make the most of the time we have until our final term together.

A big thank you to all parents who came in to see me during Parent Consultation week - it was great to be able to speak to you all and express just how well your children have done so far this year.

The effort and enthusiasm from the whole class was superb last term. Despite it being very busy and challenging, the children responded well and were praised by staff for the maturity they have been showing. I'm hoping this will continue right up until July and into Year 6 in September.

Just a reminder that I am always here to help in any way I can. From now until the end of the year I know there will be many questions on your minds (e.g. Year 6, Kent Test, secondary school choices etc), so please feel free to just come and see me or send me an email at [daniel.warner@bad.kent.sch.uk](mailto:daniel.warner@bad.kent.sch.uk).

I know that this year has been unusual with the changes in leadership at the head of the school. However, Alison and I (along with all other staff) have and will continue to ensure our classroom remains consistently calm, focused and as enjoyable yet challenging as possible. Your children's education is the most important thing to us, and we will always make sure that is our key priority; regardless of situations elsewhere in the school.

Here's to an enjoyable penultimate term together.

Daniel (and Alison)

## P.E.

P.E. is on Thursday (with myself) and Friday (with TeamTheme) afternoons. Please ensure that your child has the correct clothing; a school red t-shirt, plain black shorts and black plimsolls. As the weather is starting to become warmer (famous last words!), tracksuits are unlikely to be required from now on. However, trainers are acceptable for outdoor activities. **Please remember to mark every item with your child's name.** If your child wears stud earrings please remember that these need to be removed for PE lessons.



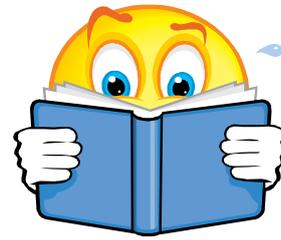
## Key Dates

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Start of term  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - Shakespeare Day  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April** - RNLI Visit  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Whole Class Photographs  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Year 5 Class Assembly  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Open Day (9am)  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - End of term



## Topics Overview

**English** - The Highwayman  
**Maths** - Division, Data Handling, Angles, Capacity (along with gap analysis focus)  
**Science** - Keeping Healthy  
**R.E** - Methodism  
**P.E** - Tennis and Multi-skills  
**ICT** - Modelling and Simulation  
**History** - The Egyptians  
**Art/DT** - Egyptian Art  
**PSHCE** - Relationships



## Home Learning

### Project

A big thank you for the effort put into the Globe Theatre projects! For the final two terms, we are studying the Egyptians. I will give a project out related to this topic towards the end of this term. It will be due in later in term 6 (more information to follow soon).

### Maths Tasks

Each week the children will continue to be given a Maths based task on a Monday to be completed by Friday. The task will either support previous learning or prepare the children for a topic which they will be looking at soon.

Alongside this task, I expect the children to be regularly practicing their times tables. I cannot emphasise how important this aspect of maths is and the children know how much this helps with both their mental maths and recall speed.

### Spellings & Reading

Spellings will continue to be given out every Monday for a test the following week. The children are set a minimum target of 8 out of 10 which I know they are more than capable of achieving each week.

I'm really pleased to see so many children making additional effort to read at home. This has shown in class with children making fantastic progress! Please keep this up and remember that 15 to 20 minutes a day is ideal.

## Year 5 Blog



Just a reminder about our 'Year 5 Blog' which is situated on DB Primary (the website where children can interact with other children and staff in a much safer environment).

I have added an extra page about Orsino (our class mascot) where the aim is for the children to upload photos of what he has been up to along with some writing of all the adventures he has been a part of.

Your support with this would be hugely appreciated.

The web site link is -  
<http://bad.kent.dbprimary.com/kent/primary/bad/arenas/year5blog>

As usual, any suggestions of things you would like to see are always welcome!