



Otters Class Newsletter Term 4

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely week off and are ready for what will be a rather short term as we lead up to Easter.

The class have an exciting term ahead with our trip to The Globe Theatre next week and an ICT day in a couple of weeks' time (thank you to Hannah George's dad for offering to come in to support the children's ICT learning).

Just to emphasise the message about our trip next week that has caused concern: dressing up in Shakespearean clothing is optional and school uniform will be accepted as an alternative. Obviously, any and all efforts made to come in dressed up will be hugely appreciated.

As always, I'm more than happy to talk about any issues you may have or anything you wish to discuss. My door is always open and I am here to help in any way that I can. Please do feel free to come and see me before or after school, or email me at daniel.warner@bad.kent.sch.uk if that is easier.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the end of term for our Parent Consultations.

Daniel (and Alison)

Home Learning Project



Again, I must say a huge thank you and a big well done to everyone who produced an amazing WW1 trench model! The models were outstanding and I can honestly say I've never had such a great response to a Home Learning task.

For this term our Home Learning task will be related to our topic of William Shakespeare. The task is to create a project about The Globe Theatre. On this occasion the project should not be based on a presentation or even a model (you'll be relieved to hear!). It should be research based and could look at the modern day theatre, the theatre during Shakespeare's time or comparing both.

This project is due in on Tuesday 1st April 2014.

Key Dates

Tuesday 25th February - Start of term
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th March - Pupil Conferencing
Wednesday 5th March - Globe Theatre (& Tate) Trip
Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
Monday 17th March - Friday 21st March - Shakespeare Week
Wednesday 19th March - Year 5 ICT Technology Day
Tuesday 1st April - Year 5 Parent Consultations
Friday 4th April - End of term



Topics Overview

English - Shakespeare (Twelfth Night, The Globe Theatre & Hamlet)
Maths - Coordinates, perimeter, area and problem solving
Science - Our Environment
R.E - Christianity
P.E - Gymnastics and Hockey
ICT - Communication (PowerPoint)
Geography - Sustainable Development
PSHCE - Good to be me



11+ Assessment



I am aware that this is the time of year during Year 5 that people start thinking about the Kent Test in September. Now although I try to put people off worrying about it until Easter, I understand that many of you will be considering what you would like to do and would appreciate any help the school can offer.

I have therefore attached an order form that includes a wide range of 11+ type text books and practice papers. I have looked through a couple (in particular the maths one) and believe they would be helpful for anyone looking to sit the test.

If you would like to order anything from the list, please fill it in (with names on) and get it to me by **Monday 31st March**. We get a huge discount on books compared to book stores, and I'd like to therefore share that with you to help with any additional costs that come with the test.

Class Blog



Just to let you all know, we have a class blog page that is based on DB Primary (where children can email, write blogs etc).

I try to add updates about what's happening in class, Stars of the week and anything else that may be of interest. It is a great way for all of you to see what's happening in class (with photos).

It would be great to see the children and yourselves accessing it as often as possible.

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

Any suggestions of things you would like to see are always welcome! Happy clicking!