



# Otters Class Newsletter Term 1

Hello and welcome to Year 5!

I hope you have all enjoyed a fantastic summer and soaked up all of the great weather we've had! Hopefully now everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for a brand new year in Year 5. We are looking forward to working with yourselves and your children, and taking on the challenges ahead.

Could I please ask that parents refrain from coming into the classroom in the morning? We try to get started as soon as we can and I'm sure you understand that this is not possible if people need to speak to us first thing. It's always best to catch us at the end of the day and we are always happy to help any way we can.

Any support I can offer, please don't hesitate to ask or get in touch. Feel free to come and speak to me after school or email me at [daniel.warner@bad.kent.sch.uk](mailto:daniel.warner@bad.kent.sch.uk).

We are really looking forward to working with you all this year.

Daniel (and Alison)

## Class Trip



As we are looking at 'Rivers & Coasts' this term, we are hoping to visit Reculver and Margate beach to look at erosion and how landscapes are formed. This will of course be reliant on the weather, so fingers crossed we are lucky on the day we set in the diary! Further information and confirmation of dates will be given out in due course.

## Key Dates

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> September - Parents OFSTED Meeting  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Festival  
TBC in September - Class Trip (Reculver/Joss Bay)  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> October - Individual Photos  
Weds 16<sup>th</sup> - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> October - Bewl Water Residential  
Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Parent Consultations  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October - Trip to the Cinema (*Film Week*)  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October - Last day of term



## Topics Overview

**English** - Explanation texts and persuasive writing.  
**Maths** - Place value, ordering, multiplication and division, shape & handling data.  
**Science** - Changing Materials  
**R.E** - Islam  
**P.E** - Invasion games and French dance.  
**ICT** - Internet research and E-Safety.  
**Art** - Seascapes (Monet)  
**History/Geography** - Rivers & Coasts  
**Music** - Roundabout (singing in rounds)  
**PSHCE** - New Beginnings



## PE

P.E. is on Thursday and Friday this term. Please ensure that your child has the correct clothing; a school red t-shirt, plain black shorts and black plimsolls. As the weather is likely to become cooler, the children are permitted to bring a tracksuit and trainers for outdoor PE lessons when it is cold. **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.



## Home Learning Tasks



### **Reading**

I cannot over-emphasise the importance of daily reading practice for children at home. Please encourage and support your child. Ten to fifteen minutes per day is ideal

### **Spellings**

The children will be sent home on a Monday with 10 spellings they are required to learn for a mini-test the following Monday.

### **Maths**

A maths task will be sent home each week alongside the expectation of learning multiplications tables.

**As a reminder, the project given out at the end of last term (an autobiography) will be due in on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.**