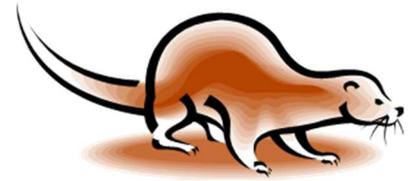




# Otters Class News



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Welcome to the Otters class page! As we approach the half way stage of the Autumn term, we can look back on what has been a very busy beginning to the new year.

Here are a few of our highlights:



## Heatree House

Many of us in year six started the year with a five day residential trip to Heatree House where we lived by the values of Safety, Respect and Learning. Alongside taking part in some super activities such as: high ropes, stream scrambling, archery and mountain



biking, we learnt the importance of working together as a team. Many of us conquered our fears and the memories we created during a fantastic week will live on for a long time.

## Highwayman Poetry

During our literacy unit this half term, we have been studying The Highwayman poem by Alfred Noyes. Focusing on the structure and language features, we then used this piece as a basis to create our own poem based on the D-Day Landings. Here is an example of a verse that was written:

*The doors were an opening to terror in front of  
the shaking men,*

*They waited, they crouched and they trembled,  
would they return again?*

*The engine stopped slowly in silence, the men  
sank down to their knees,*

*And the soldiers in sea were swimming,  
Swimming- swimming,  
The soldiers in the sea were swimming, praying for  
warmth in the seas. By Kaci & Joe*

## Spirit of Adventure

Ray Mears watch out; you may have some competition. Many of us in year five have recently been on our residential to the Raleigh Estate in Dartmouth where we camped overnight in the forest and learnt some exciting bushcraft skills, as well as bonding as a team. As well as learning how to build and light a fire, we also had the opportunity to make our own pizzas and erect part of



the tents we slept in. The highlight for many of us though was the zip wire, where we careered from a height of over 40ft across a ravine. We all had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

## Upcoming Events

Slapton Trip – week before half term

Year 5/6 Production of We'll Meet Again – December

## View our photos online

All of our stunning photos from this year's events can be viewed on our Flickr account. Please feel free to explore the albums; they really are worth a look:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/96595782@N08/sets/>

Here's to an action packed year ahead filled with lots of exciting challenges and experiences.