



Otters Class News



Teacher – Mrs Willmott

Teaching Assistants – Mrs Jones, Mrs Ackroyd and Mrs Macmillan

Welcome to the Otters class page!

Here we will share some of the highlights from our second half term. We have continued where the first half term left off -being incredibly busy!



Slapton Sands Trip

As part of our WW2 topic, we took a trip to Slapton Sands, scene of Operation Tiger, and immersed ourselves in what life was like, feeling empathy for all of those involved. Dressed in military attire, we recreated the battle scenes, a very thought-provoking experience, as well as looking at the memorials and remembering those who lost their lives on that fateful day. We were a credit to Manor; we learned a lot from this experience and we made many memories.



Neurological Nurse Visit

As part of our learning about 'Growth Mindset,' we have been studying how our brains work and how we can improve our learning. Retired Neurological Nurse Paula Wooldridge, came into school to tell us exactly how our brains make connections. She explained how different regions in the brain have different jobs to do. She also told us how important it is to look after our brains through drinking enough fluids, eating nutritious food and getting enough exercise and rest. It was a fascinating talk which was enjoyed by everyone - we could almost feel our brains growing! We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Wooldridge for sharing her expertise with us.



Production

We are currently rehearsing for our Christmas Production - We'll Meet Again. Props are being made, songs learned and acting is being perfected. We think this will be a spectacular event and look forward to seeing many mums, dads, and other family members at the performances. More to follow in our Spring edition!

WW2 Poppy Homework

The remembrance symbol of the 'Poppy' provided us with a creative homework stimulus related to World War II. We were asked to create a piece of work entitled 'Poppies' – the results of which did not disappoint. We made models using wood and clay, painted pictures, created collages and even made cakes around the poppy theme. We worked creatively to design something really special that reflected the significance of Remembrance and Armistice Day.



Junior Life Skills

This term our year six children attended the Junior Lifeskills Event at the Leisure Centre. Whilst there, we visited ten different workshops designed to inform and keep us safe: The Fire Service allowed us to consider safety in the home; the Police taught us about internet safety and chat rooms; we also learned about being safe around electricity, food hygiene, hoax calls, water safety and other real life related situations. It really was a day designed to provoke thought.

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 Spring term filled with lots of exciting challenges and experiences.