



# Otters Class News



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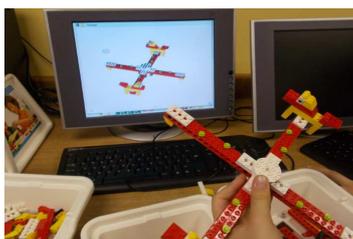
**Welcome to the Otters' first class news page of the new academic year! What a wonderful time we have had getting to know all of our new friends.**

## Core Skills

We began the new term focussing on our core skills in a variety of subject areas including maths, literacy, art and geography; a favourite was lacing our shoelaces and knotting our ties – during this we shared many laughs!

## Lego Computing

As part of our computing lessons this half term, we have been learning how to create and then electronically programme Lego models using the Lego Wedo software. As well as being great fun, we have been learning how to follow detailed instructions and programme our models to move at the press of a button.



## Good to be Green

This term our topic is 'Good to be Green' – we are learning about green spaces in Ivybridge, nature based art and music, the damage being done to our planet by humans and much more. Next term's class news will provide lots of information on our learning.



## Junior Life Skills

On 8<sup>th</sup> October, our year six visited Ivybridge leisure centre to take part in Junior Lifeskills.

Whilst there, we visited eight different real-life scenarios where there could be danger - these ranged from the police with a presentation on social media, to the coastguard explaining the dangers associated with the sea and river, to the fire service informing of hazards in the home, to Western Power warning of the dangers of electricity when out and about. We all learned a great deal: the visit was topped off with a demonstration from the Fire Service on the dangers of oil based fires and the consequence of using water to put them out. Their message was, 'Get Out, Call the Fire Service Out, Stay Out!' Please see the link for a video.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vldj6aJAgmU>

## Hinduism RE Day

We enjoyed our first whole school R.E day this half term. We learned about Hinduism through immersing ourselves in the music, food and rituals of the religion. We had a guest speaker who spoke about festivals and what life is like as a Hindu. We learnt about the Mandir (Hindu temple), the important deities and the main beliefs of the religion; we also made fact-files to share our learning.



Here's to an action packed second half of the autumn term filled with lots of exciting challenges and experiences.