



# Otters

## Class News



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Welcome to the Otters class page – the first of this new academic year.

We look forward to sharing with you many of the challenging and engaging experiences we have been involved in. As always in Y5/6, it's been an incredibly busy first half term; settling into a new class, residential, meeting new class mates and teachers, and of course engaging in new topics and learning.

### Heatree House

For most in year six we started the year with a five day residential trip to Heatree House, on Dartmoor. Whilst there we lived by the Heatree core values of safety, respect and learning. As well as 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 we all had a thoroughly enjoyable week.



### Stig Walk

We are currently reading 'Stig of the Dump' in our guided reading lessons – a book that is captivating our interests. To help us immerse ourselves in the book, we went on a 'Stig Walk' around the school grounds, imagining we were Stig. We took off our shoes and socks and felt the earth beneath our bare feet. Back in class, we



wrote some fantastic sentences and descriptions about our experience.

### Spirit of Adventure

Ray Mears look out; you may have some competition. Many of our year five recently visited the Raleigh Estate in Dartmouth where we camped overnight in the forest, bonded as a team, and learnt some exciting bush craft skills.



Alongside learning how to build and light a fire, we also had the opportunity to make our own pizzas and construct part of the tents we slept in. The highlight for many of us was the zip wire where we careered from a height of over 40ft across a ravine. We had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

### Junior Lifeskills

Year Six recently visited Ivybridge Leisure Centre to take part in Junior Lifeskills – an event organised to educate and inform us of the risks and dangers experienced, when we become more independent individuals. With presentations from the Police, Fire Service and many more, we came back with lots of important information to keep us safe as we grow up.

### Upcoming Events

Year 5/6 Production

### **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.