



Otters

Class News



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Happy New Year to you all. It's hard to believe we are now half way through the academic year - I guess time flies when you're having fun!

The spring brings another busy term, with new topics and activities. The children, as always, are approaching all the challenges set with effort, determination and of course a smile!

We'll Meet Again - Production

As the finale to the autumn term we performed the WWII production - 'We'll Meet Again'. In preparation, we worked incredibly hard, learning lines and songs and perfecting acting, and what an end result! During both evening performances, the roof was well and truly raised with cheers and hearty applause from an appreciative audience made up of parents, family members and our friends, and our teachers were equally proud. The performance



really brought us together as a team and it will be an event from our primary years that we will remember for a lifetime.

Real PE!

We have started an exciting new series of PE sessions called Real PE. Within this, we have played *small sided hand-tennis* games where we've developed our games skills and tactics.

Growth Mindset

As a school, we continue to focus on having a 'growth mindset' - the philosophy behind which centres around perseverance and self-belief. In order to fully engage with the concept, we have watched a number of motivational videos including an interview with Bear Grylls. We have also spent time on self-reflection,

considering personal strengths and areas for development. This truly is a mindset for life and a great tool to achieve future goals.

Abracadabra It's Magic

This term's topic is entitled: 'Abracadabra It's Magic (The Earth in Space)'. From the launch of the topic, we have travelled deep into the depths of space and have thoroughly enjoyed the topic so far. Alongside creating some 'out of this world' space art work, we have been learning all about the Earth and space through scientific investigation and other media.



We have also perfected our agility and co-ordination skills through a range of different activities, completed each week.

Our Music

Our music project this term has been based on Gustav Holst's Planet suite. This music was chosen as it links perfectly with our science work on space. We enjoyed talking about the instrumentation, mood and style of the music. Venus had a peaceful and soft timbre in contrast to the harsh booming timbre of Mars.

After evaluating the different styles, we examined the rhythm and melody of Mars. We had great fun imitating the rhythm using claves and boom whackers. The final and most challenging stage of the process was to learn the melody using keyboards and chimes. After lots of practise, we put together a thunderous performance. It was wonderful to create a class orchestra and really brought Holst's music to life.

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:

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