



Otters Class News



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Welcome to the Otters class page.

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

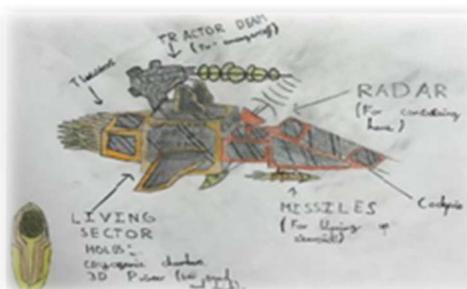
Literacy

In Literacy this half term we have been learning to write newspaper articles relating to our space topic. These have centred around the successful Apollo 11 mission and the not so successful Apollo 13 mission. We have learned facts about this catastrophic voyage as well as who was involved and how they resolved the many problems the astronauts and NASA faced. For homework, we typed our drafts and endeavoured to make them as newspaper-like as possible, adding a headline, stand first, quotes and pictures.



2D Art

In art, we have continued with the 'Space' theme and have created our own 3D spacecraft designs. To begin, we designed the side profile of the spacecraft and then drew lines at 45 degree angles from it, to create the 3D effect.



We annotated our designs to indicate the different features of the space crafts which could then be used for taking guests around the our solar system.

Science

In Science we have been studying the planets of our solar system, specifically the red planet, Mars. We have investigated the plans for the 'Mars 1' mission where one-hundred ordinary people were selected from 200,000 who expressed an interest, for a one-way mission to colonise Mars. The children discussed their thoughts on such a mission and the implications for the people selected. There were some fascinating discussions about the type of people that could be selected and the specific skill sets they would need to make the mission a success.



Internet Safety Day

Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February with the slogan: "Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you." In year 5/6 we celebrated internet safety day by exploring how to stay safe online. We watched a video clip about the dangers of talking to strangers via the internet. We also discussed the meaning of 'cyber bullying' and where we could get help if we needed it. Finally we designed colourful, informative posters to promote online safety.



Amazing Homework

This term, as part of our space topic, we have really enjoyed being creative with our homework and produced some fantastic space themed projects including: models, cakes, top trumps cards, games, pictures, fact files and powerpoint presentations. Many of these are on display in our classroom and we all agree that the cakes brought in were delicious!

View our photos online

All of our stunning photos from this year's events can be viewed on our Flickr account.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/96595782@N08/sets/>
Here's to an action packed Summer term filled with lots of exciting challenges and experiences.