

Otters Homework Summer (1st half term)



Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is a summary of the home learning expectations for this half term.

English home learning

Reading

As we are sure you are aware, the ability to read is vital. It paves the way to success in school, which can build self-confidence and motivate your child to set high expectations for life. Parents and other adults can play an essential role in giving children a love of reading and an interest in books that will give them a strong foundation that we can build upon at school. This will set them up for a lifetime of pleasure for reading. This term, to further improve the engagement of reading at home, we are launching a summer reading initiative. In your child's reading record, you will find a reading chart. This should be ticked and initialed by an adult on the days that your child reads (one tick per day, although, they can of course read more than once a day!). For every 15 days they have read, they will be awarded with a certificate and/or a prize. These prizes range from a scratch art bookmark to choosing a 'golden book' for their class. It is still important that you still include a more detailed comment in the main part of your child's reading diary, as this allows us to see any areas they are struggling with or any new vocabulary they have identified whilst reading. We hope this will encourage the children to read more at home and celebrate those that already do. We would like to thank you in advance for your continued support in developing the children's love for reading.

Spelling

We would like the children to learn their spelling words using Readiwriter. We recommend at least 20mins per week. Wordlists will be shared on seesaw also. Spelling tests will be on a Monday.

We will monitor how much time children have spent practising and rewards will be given accordingly.



Maths home learning

Activities will be set on Mathletics each week. They will need to be completed before your child can explore the other Mathletics areas. Please also ensure your child practises their times tables (for at least 20mins per week) using Times Table Rockstars. When it comes to times tables, speed and accuracy are important - the more facts your child knows, the easier it is for them to complete harder calculations. To be a 'Times Table Rockstar' you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!

We will monitor completion of activities and pupil progress. Rewards will be given accordingly and achievements celebrated.



Readiwriter

Spelling

Here are the homework suggestions for this half term. All of the tasks carry team point rewards! Children can upload their homework onto seesaw or bring it into school. We will be sharing and celebrating the work that is completed.

Many thanks
Mrs Clark

Suggestion 1

Find out about Victorian remedies for treating wounds and illnesses.

This short video shares some of them.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/my-story-special-nursing>



Suggestion 2

Grow your own plant from a seed. You could grow some cress, a broad bean or some wild flowers.



This short video shows you how you can make a plant pot out of newspaper.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/plant-pots>

Suggestion 3

Practise your sketching skills. Use shading to add tones and textures.



Suggestion 4

Make a pop up card for someone's birthday.



There are some easy to follow ideas and video tutorials you could use such as this one:

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