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Dear Otter Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we've already reached the last term of this academic year – it has gone so quickly! It feels like only yesterday we began our journey together. And here we are, at the start of our last term this academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for all your support this academic year. I have thoroughly enjoyed our journey: getting to know the children and you and watching them all grow, on so many different levels! I couldn't be prouder of all the children in Otter Class.

Although it is our last term together, we will not be slowing down yet! We have a few usual events to look forward to, like Year 6 production (always a treat!). Otter Class will be heading to We The Curious in Bristol for a day of in depth Science learning in week 5 and we are hoping to welcome a Humanist speaker in one of our RE lessons. Not to forget the transition day or our whole school Sport and Health Week with many exciting activities planned!

It is with great sadness that this term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Mascall, our BST student, who will be completing her placement in week two. Miss Mascall's last day will be Thursday the 13th of June. Until then, we will all enjoy Miss Mascall's bright and helpful presence. We will all miss her dearly!

In **Maths** we will realise the remaining units: shape (understanding angles, degrees and turns; identifying, comparing and ordering angles; triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, lines of symmetry), statistics (interpreting charts, line graphs, drawing line graphs) and position and direction (describing position using coordinates, plotting coordinates, drawing 2-D shapes on a grid, translating on a grid and describing the transition). We will also revisit fractions, specifically to work out fractions of amounts and time.

This term all year 4 children will be tested on their recall of multiplication facts. The results will be shared with you in due course. We will continue with our twice daily times tables practise as it is a crucial Maths skill used in many units of work.

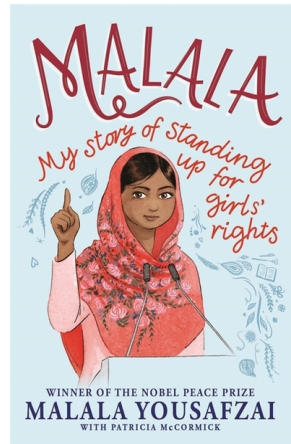
In **Geography** we will be comparing two European regions: Mediterranean and Somerset, finding similarities and differences between our local area and Italian Bay of Naples. The focus will be on the map work, climate (which will include analysing weather patterns), human and physical features and human processes and interdependence, including ecological issues faced in those areas.

In **Science** Otters will learn to make connections between all the units taught this year: Movement and nutrition, Forces and magnets, Rocks and soil, Light and shadows and Plant reproduction. Through investigating hand span and grip, we will be working scientifically, including: planning, predicting, plotting, observing, evaluating, measuring, recording, analysing and drawing conclusions.

"Love each other as I have loved you" John 15:12



Reading: Please encourage your child to read at least three times a week at home (or as often as possible) and please continue to listen to them regularly. The children should be completing an online book quizz after each book they have read, to help deepen their comprehension skills and to develop thoughtful, reasoned opinions. All children will have the opportunity to read in school to an adult: in small groups and individually throughout the term. In class, we will finish reading *Malala: My story of standing up for girls' rights* by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormic.



Reminder of weekly routines:

PE will be on Tuesdays (ball skills) and Fridays (cricket). Please ensure that the children are wearing weather appropriate clothing as we will aim to exercise outside. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are able to be removed or covered.

English homework (Spellings) will be given out on **Fridays** to be handed in the following **Thursday**. The children will be tested every week. Please encourage your child to practise daily or a few times a week to ensure sound recall of those rules and patterns.

Maths homework will continue to be Doodle Maths; within each week children are expected to get 50 stars and 30 stars for Doodle Tables. Scores will be checked on **Mondays**.

Warm weather gear. Please ensure your child has a **hat in school daily**. That is crucial in helping us survive the beautiful sunny weather we will (hopefully!) experience during this summer term. Please also apply **suntan lotion** as daily protection and provide top-up supplies for children to apply themselves during particularly sunny spells. Please remember to bring a named and freshly filled **water bottle** to school **every day** and a fruit snack for morning break.

As always, please feel free to contact me if there are ever any concerns or issues you wish to discuss.

Best wishes,

Ania Woods
Class Teacher

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