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Dear Otter Parents,

Welcome back to Term 5! I hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break, making the most of the long holidays. Now the Spring is here and the days are delightfully bright for longer, we are ready (and looking forward to!) another busy term in Otter Class, the one we are kicking off with our long awaited residential trip. We are very lucky to have our BST student teacher, Miss Mascall, continuing her journey with us this term.

Thank you to all of you who managed to see me during parents' evenings: it was lovely to be able to talk to you again.

In **Maths** we will finish decimals (flexibly partition decimals, compare decimals, order decimals, round to the nearest whole number, halves and quarters as decimals) before moving respectively onto money, time and shape. Below are our objectives for each unit of work.

Step 1 Years, months, weeks and days	Step 1 Understand angles as turns	Step 1 Write money using decimals
Step 2 Hours, minutes and seconds	Step 2 Identify angles	Step 2 Convert between pounds and pence
Step 3 Convert between analogue and digital times	Step 3 Compare and order angles	Step 3 Compare amounts of money
Step 4 Convert to the 24 hour clock	Step 4 Triangles	Step 4 Estimate with money
Step 5 Convert from the 24 hour clock	Step 5 Quadrilaterals	Step 5 Calculate with money
	Step 6 Polygons	Step 6 Solve problems with money
	Step 7 Lines of symmetry	

Because all children in Year 4 are expected to know their times tables facts up to 12×12 , we will carry on with our twice daily multiplication sessions. Otters have been enjoying practising and have observed improvement in their recall of times tables.

In **History** we will be learning about the Vikings, starting with the attack on Lindisfarne in 793 AD all the way to the battle of Hastings in 1066 AD. We will be looking into the most significant people, like Alfred the Great and William the Conqueror; inspecting what Danelaw was and why it was formed; examining evidence of the Viking society and their everyday life; and trying to understand their legacy.



In **Science** this term we will be describing the life cycle of a flowering plant and carrying out tests to investigate plant structure and its function. Starting with identifying what plants need to grow healthily, through investigating how plants transport water to explaining seed dispersal methods.

Reading: Please ensure that children read regularly at home and continue to listen/read to them regularly. Otters have already taken another Star Reader baseline test at the end of term 4. For most children, their reading range (ZPD) has changed slightly, so please check that they are choosing the right books. 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 a classic: *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett and then move onto *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverley Naidoo.

Reminder of weekly routines:

PE will be on Tuesdays (Athletics in the Rec, weather dependent) and Fridays (Tennis with Mrs Mac).

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**.

Please remember to bring a named and freshly filled **water bottle** to school **every day** and a fruit snack for morning break.

All weather gear. Please ensure your child has wellies and waterproofs for those wet, rainy days. **Hats** are 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.

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

