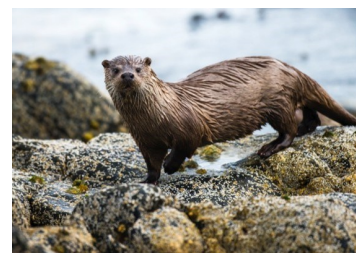




OTTER

CLASS



NEWSLETTER

Welcome...

Whilst Mrs Carton continues to recover from illness, we have been excited to see what a fantastic job everyone has been doing, parents included, with home learning!

The use of Dojo, which we know many of you have found both challenging, (frustrating, at times) and enjoyable has been a great asset and we have loved seeing the work that you have all produced.

As we write, we are hopeful that we will get to see you all very soon but, in the meantime, we are ready to see the amazing learning adventures that we embark on over the next few weeks, despite their virtual nature.

Mrs King and Mrs Fowler-Simpson

Maths:

Over the half-term, we will be returning to some of the key mathematical concepts that we have already looked at in order to develop our understanding of these further.

We will begin by revising our understanding of the four calculations, in order to use these methods when working with money.

We will return to fractions, to find fractions of amounts and to link some fractions to their decimal equivalents.

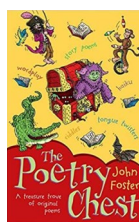
Later in the half-term, we will look at geometry to classify 2-D shapes as well as describing angles. We will also learn about co-ordinates and how to plot shapes on a grid.

English:

This half-term, we are beginning our learning by reading Kenneth Grahame's, *Wind in the Willows*.

We will be developing our narrative writing skills by making predictions, writing descriptions of settings and characters and making inferences from the text.

We will then create non-chronological reports about creatures found on river banks, by understanding the features of information texts and researching information.



Nearer half-term, we will enjoy a variety of poems from John Foster's, *Poetry Chest*. We will use these poems to develop our understanding of poetic features before using these as inspiration to write our own poems.



Timetable for the Week

English and Maths are taught every day.

Tuesday – PE today. Children should wear PE kits today please.

Wednesday – Mrs Carton will be out for the afternoon today. Otters will be taught by Mr Morris.

Thursday – PE today. Children should wear PE kits today please.

Topic



This half-term, our topic is 'Bloomin' Rainforests'.

Rainforests once covered 14% of our world's surface. Now they cover less than 5%. Every second, an area of the rainforest the size of a football field is being destroyed. Some scientists believe that, if we lose our rainforests, we might put our whole planet at risk. What will we do to help save the rainforest?

We will be finding out about where in the world rainforests are and how they are important to everyone. We will be investigating methods which are used to classify plants and animals as well as looking at the effects of deforestation. We will compose our own sounds to represent the rainforest and consider art by Georgia O'Keefe, before creating our own pieces based on her work.

Ways that you can help your child at home this half term:

To help support your child over the next half term, it would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that you;

- hear your child read regularly.
- practice their weekly spellings.
- help your child to learn their multiplication tables and help them increase their speed in reciting them.
- support your child with their weekly home learning.

You could also;

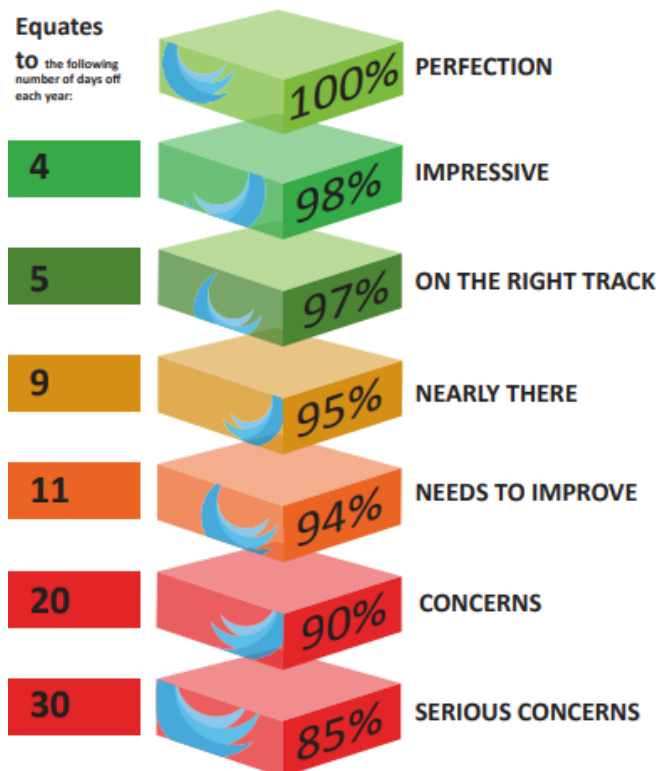
- encourage your child to read the time.
- cook, allowing your child to measure the ingredients.
- take your child shopping and ask them to add the amount of money being spent, they could even write the shopping list before going!

Attendance:

This year, we are continuing to strive for our whole school attendance to meet our target of 97%. Remember that children, who have 100% by the end of the half term, will receive their gold

Equates

to the following number of days off each year:



Beck Row Values.

As visitors enter the academy, they will see Beck Row Bob on display inside the entrance.



Bob likes to tell us about the values which we believe are important to our pupils development, as a whole-individual.

Our over-arching values are thoughtfulness, morality, respect, co-operation and ambition. These are shared through our assemblies as well as the displays in our classrooms and around school.

Furthermore, we praise the children for using these values throughout their time within the academy and award 'Dojo' points to the children for their efforts in showing these values. These 'Dojos', not only work towards small prizes for individual pupils, but also for their class and house teams.

In line with this, we have renamed our houses. All children will now be in one of the five houses;



Bell (blue),
Branson (green),
Wilde (yellow),
Bissell (red) or
Dali (purple).

This half-term's focus value is **morality**.