



**31-1-20
Spring 1**



**Value of the
Month**

**February
Love**

Welcome Back



All staff would like to say 'THANK YOU' for all the cards and lovely presents we received for Christmas. We are very touched by your generosity and thoughtfulness. We hope that you all enjoyed a restful Christmas with your families. Happy New Year!

Parent's Evening



This terms parents' evenings will be on Tuesday 11th February and Thursday 13th February. They will be held in your child's classroom. You are able to book your 10 minute appointment via the school website from 7pm this evening.

Please note Otters class will have their second evening on Wednesday 12th instead of Thursday 13th.

Topics for this half term

All topics for this half term are water based to give children a greater depth of knowledge when they enter Year 2 and learn about the Titanic under the title of Icebergs Ahoy!

Reception	Pirates
Year 1	Commotion in the Ocean
Year 2	Icebergs Ahoy!

All class topic webs and newsletters are on the website should you want more information on what your child's class will be learning this half term.

New Staff



Welcome to Mel Ford who is joining us as an LSA in Reception.

Welcome also to Anna Blacklock who is joining Y2 Otters class as one of the new Godalming Learning Partnerships' trainee teachers. Miss Blacklock will be with us for this half term and will be returning to her main placement at Godalming Junior. I am sure you will joining me in wishing her all the best and making her feel settled at Moss Lane.

Spare clothing

We are desperate for any spare jogging bottoms, tops, socks/tights or PE kits. Please also remember to put your child's name on all belongings - including gloves, hats and scarfs as children often forget which items belong to them, so labels will really help! Thank you for your cooperation.

Reading

As we all know there is a lot more to reading than just reading!
Here are some tips to help when reading at home with your child:

- What is happening? Talk about what you can see in the pictures before reading the text.
- Discuss alternative words! For example "big". Can your child think of another word that means the same thing? Huge, massive etc.
- Make predictions/ What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that will happen?
- Make comparisons. Does this story remind you of any others you have read? Is this set in a similar location to another story you know? e.g Julia Donaldsons 'The Gruffalo' and Micheal Rosen's 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' are both set outdoors.
- Don't forget to model reading! Remember that children will begin to read with expression the more they hear others doing so. Model how to read with expression especially the characters speak.
- There is no need to read the entire book in one sitting. Great reading of 3-4 pages has more impact than struggling through the whole book with little interest.

Find a time that works best for your family. Some prefer reading during breakfast, some during bath time, others before bed!

If you would like any further ideas regarding reading at home with your child, please speak to Miss Betterton in Otters.

Coats

All children should have access to a warm winter coat during school time and this should be worn during break and lunchtimes. There are a number of children who have not had their coats in school. The children do have their play-times outside even during light rain so a coat is essential.



Parent Clinics

Parent clinics are a good opportunity for you to discuss any concerns/worries that you might have about your child with Mrs Abbott. You should have discussed these issues with your child's class teacher in the first instance. Then, if you feel they have not been re-solved please make an appointment via the school office. Our next parent clinics are:

Tuesday 4th February 9am-10am

Wednesday 18th March 9am-10am

The appointment lasts approximately 15 minutes.

Important Reminders



It will be lovely to see nice, clean PE kits at the start of our new term! Please remember that we do go out in the cold for outdoor PE therefore it is essential that your child has his/her full kit in school, stored in a drawstring bag and clearly labelled. This should include: Plain black shorts, red plain T-shirt/polo shirt (a change from their school clothing); jogging bottoms; a fleece or hooded top; plimsolls/trainers. Jewellery should not be worn in school for health and safety reasons. As always, long hair must be tied back. As part of our commitment to enhancing sporting provision, we will endeavour to ensure that PE takes place unless the playground conditions are considered to be dangerous or there is a torrential downpour.



Library

Please remember to return any library books borrowed. If your child enjoys a particular book, they can always borrow the same book again.

Heathy Me Week



Moss Lane children have participated brilliantly during 'Healthy Me Week'. They have shown enthusiasm, skill and good understanding of how to keep healthy minds, hearts and bodies.

Children have taken part in mindful activities in their classroom including colouring, bead threading, yoga and developing positive mantras. Some classes have enjoyed making and tasting healthy foods, others have looked at the importance of taking care of our emotions and well being.

On Tuesday the children took part in 'Healthy Me' workshops with Rob from 'Fit4Kids'. The children found out about food groups, sugar intake and how food labels can offer us advice/guidance on which foods should be a big part of our diet. After they had furthered their knowledge, the children took part in a fun circuit training activity!

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed Frederick Afrifa who shared his journey to becoming a successful international sprinter. The children spent time with Fred taking part in fun physical activities with a 'Sportivator' Omar who was full of energy! At the end of the day the children enjoyed an assembly which was lead by Fred; he shared clips of his participation in races and his time on Ninja Warrior. The children had the opportunity to ask questions and take part in a few fun games that helped to reinforce the importance message Fred had learnt from his coach, 'Keep Moving Forward'.



Pantomime

Thursday saw an opportunity to relax and really enjoy ourselves with a visit from a theatre group. The children enjoyed a fabulous show of Robin Hood. There were many, many happy, smiling faces in the audience.

Thank you for your continued support with these events.



Bears

Bears all had a fantastic time at their first Woodland School session. We all enjoyed a walk to collect wood for the fire, play time on the new play equipment, learning about campfire safety and much, much more. Of course the very best bit of the day according to the children was toasting and eating marshmallows around the campfire - delicious!

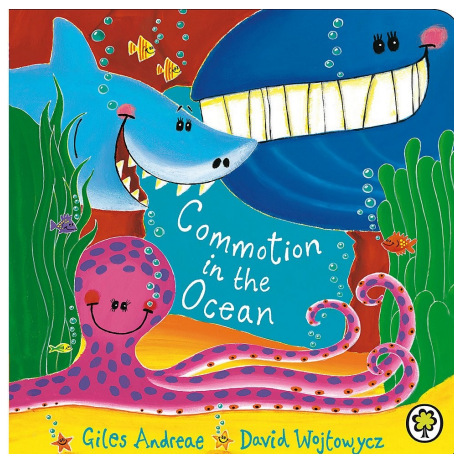


Year 1

We have started to read the book 'Commotion in the Ocean'. It is full of short poems about Sea Creatures - I am sure the children would love to share these poems with parents/ grandparents.

There is a version on Youtube that is read nicely <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pRhgz8Jffs>

For our 'commotion in the ocean' topic, we have been making our own fish. We had a go at marbling to represent fish scales and it was lots of fun!



Year 2

In geography, Otters and Hedgehogs were learning about Europe. We then made a replica of the Eiffel Tower with newspaper. There was good cooperation and communication throughout.



Dates for your Diary 2019-20

FEBRUARY

Friday	7th	PTA quiz night
Tuesday	11th	Parents Evening
		Safer Internet Day 'Together for a Better Internet'
Wednesday	12th	Otters Parents Evening
Thursday	13th	Parents Evening
Friday	14th	Inset
Mon—Fri	17th-21st	Half Term

March

Wednesday	4th	PTA Sponsored Bounce
Thursday	5th	World Book Day
Mon– Fri	9th—13th	British Science Week
Mon—Fri	16th—20th	Book Fair
Thursday	19th	Mother's Day Event

April

Wednesday	1st	FGB Meeting
Friday	3rd	End of Spring Term

2019—2020 INSET DAYS

14th February, 20th April , 22nd May