



# Year 4 Newsletter

## Spring 2

Welcome to the Spring 2 Newsletter for Otters class. This half term, have lots of exciting things to look forward to and will finish with our traditional Easter activities in the last week.

Last half term, Otters produced some excellent stories based on Michael Morpurgo's 'The Butterfly Lion.' It was really pleasing to see how much descriptive detail the children included and how their speech punctuation had improved.

We are getting ever closer to the Multiplication Tables Check (which is in June). Please continue to ensure that your child practises regularly at home.

### Dates for your diary

**06.03.2026 – World Book Day at Norwich Road**

**10.03.2026 – Ultimate Frisbee Competition (PE Kits)**

**17.03.2026 – Easter Crafternoon**

**26.03.2026 – Spring Sing**

### Sharing a worry

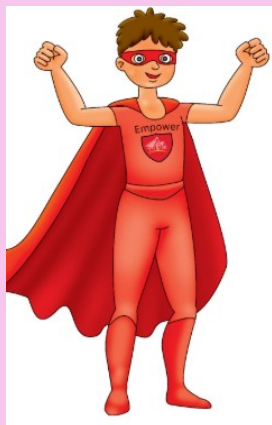
Everyone, everyday has a mixture of feelings and thoughts. We **empower** the children by encouraging them to talk to an adult at school. Our younger children and older ones can always talk to an adult during play and break times. We also teach the children to either show their feeling on the feeling chart (Nursery / Reception) or to write their name on a blue post it note (Year 1-6). An adult will then speak to them about a worry or a concern.

If as parents you would like to speak to a member of our pastoral team about a worry or concern, please contact the academy office.

To **empower** ourselves when learning we need good listening we follow SLANT.

### Good listening means SLANT

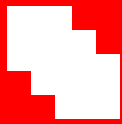
- S**it up
- L**ean in and listen
- A**sk and answer questions
- N**od your head
- T**rack the speaker



### Our Value this half term is 'Empower'

Empower - A Norwich Road Academy Super Learner empowers others with their learning and empowers themselves to take on new challenges with their learning. They take risks and are not afraid to get things wrong. They grow in confidence and enthusiasm.

This half term we will be focusing on hard work and trying our best. We will try and help ourselves when completing tasks by using a range of resources. Super Learners will be aware of their next learning steps and use feedback to improve their work.



# Curriculum Focus

## English

Our book this half term is Kensuke's Kingdom and we will be using this text to support us in writing an explanation of how to survive on a desert island.



## Maths

This half term, we will be starting our work on fractions and decimals. We will develop our understanding of key vocabulary such as numerator and denominator as well as calculating with both fractions and decimals.

## Science

Sound is our topic in Spring 2. We will be exploring how sound travels and how we interpret the waves as sounds.

We will complete a range of investigations to enhance the children's learning and seek to improve the scientific conclusions we can make.

## French

This term, we will be learning the vocabulary that will allow us to introduce and describe our families. We will work on numbers up to 100, possessive adjectives such as mon, ma and mes as well as thinking about how to use the first and third person in French.

## DT

In DT, we will be developing our understanding of food and nutrition by making ratatouille and couscous. We will work on using knives safely with a claw grip on the item we are chopping and will think about the different food groups and the nutrients that they provide.

## Life Skills

Our 'Safety' topic be about how to stay safe online and what to do if someone is having an asthma attack. We will also discuss smoking.

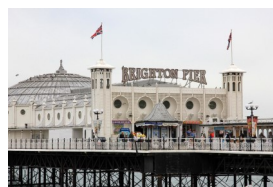


## RE

The Easter story is our topic in RE and we think about how and why Christians celebrate Easter, how the resurrection story is fundamental to the Christian religion and how this affects the way that Christians live their lives.

## Geography

In geography we will be looking at London and the South East. We will study Canterbury, Dover and Brighton and think about the main industries in each location.



## History

We are continuing our learning on Ancient Greece in history. We will learn about Greek mythology and the legacy of the civilisation.



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