

What a lovely start to a school year! The children have settled into their new class, and new friendships have been made.

In the first week of term, we discussed our rights and responsibilities as part of Otter Class and as members of the Haydon Wick team. We decided that to be able to learn and have fun, we should respect each other and help each other to feel safe. As a whole school, we understand the importance of 'Rights and Respecting' and each class has created a class charter.

Our topic this term has been 'Earth and Space' and at the beginning of the term, the children were actively involved in planning activities to support their learning. We drew mind maps to find out what we already know and came up with a list of activities and questions which we would like to answer before the end of the topic.

During the term, we have found out about the planets and we have explained why the Sun appears to move around the Earth. The children have become experts at explaining how shadows are made.

Other activities have included: creating pictures in the style of space artist Peter Thorpe, writing biographies about Katherine Johnson- the famous NASA mathematician. and writing poems based on 'The Planet Gods'. In guided reading, we are enjoying the book 'Brightstorm' and hopefully we will have time to finish it before the end of next term.

In PE, we have been working on improving our fitness levels. The children have really enjoyed challenging themselves. The children have also been practising yoga with Mrs Cowley.

Thank you for all the homework – it was great to see so many different pieces and they have been made into a display in the classroom.

Well done for a fabulous term – the next one should be amazing as we have our space day and our trip to look forward to!

