

We had a fantastic term 2 in Otter class – it was full of exciting experiences and activities!

We thoroughly enjoyed our space day and everyone looked brilliant in their space costumes! We trained to be astronauts and we launched off in our rocket to outer space. We carried out investigations into how craters are made, and we tasted space food – some of us really enjoyed it.

Early on in the term, we found evidence of aliens on the school playground and on the building and we were very excited to hear that aliens had been spotted over Swindon.

In Guided Reading, we read ‘The Jamie Drake Equation’ and this inspired us to write science-fiction stories and newspaper reports in English.

For Science this term, we were learning about forces such as gravity and air resistance. We also carried out investigations by dropping different sized paper and spinners with different sized blades.

In Geography we have been learning all about water and its different states We learned about the water cycle and how rain and clouds are formed. We created clouds in a jar and made rain by collecting condensation in a bowl covered with cling film.

In DT we learnt all about pneumatic systems and used this idea to make a moving toy. The children enjoyed creating aliens and spaceships using boxes and balloons.

In PSHE, we have been learning to celebrate differences and we talked about not judging a book by its cover. We discussed how we need to get to know people for who they are. We also worked on anti-bullying and what to do if you are worried about someone who is being bullied. This includes talking to a trusted adult.

In our e-safety sessions we have been thinking about online bullying, how to spot if someone is being bullied online and how to be a good digital citizen. In Computing we have created animations using 2Animate. We also used ‘green screen’ to create pictures of us in space!

We all loved our trip to ‘We the Curious’ in Bristol and taking part in our workshop ‘Destination Space’ in which we used mechanical robots, investigated the effects of air pressure with marshmallows and found the best material to make space nappies! Our visit to the planetarium show was a fantastic experience and we travelled to other planets with the help of 3D glasses.

In Art, we used pastels to draw pictures which were out of this world – I hope everyone likes their calendar.

We finished the term off with a fantastic panto and a week of Christmas crafts – which the children really enjoyed. – look out for more photos on Dojo.

Thank you so much for your support this term.  
I hope you have a healthy Christmas and a happy new year.

