



Year 5 Merlins Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

Welcome to Year 5 Merlins class newsletter for Autumn Term 2.

Reading

We will have reading lessons four times a week. Two of these will be whole class reading lessons where we work together on our reading skills. One of these will be comprehension, where we independently apply these reading skills. Finally, we will have a session to read our class novel (as well as reading this each day).



We will do a class vote to select our new class novel. I will update you when the results are in!

Writing

This term we will be focusing on different styles of writing. Our units will be based around the novel, 'Wild Boy' by Rob Lloyd Jones and a short film clip based around the story of the Three Little Pigs. During this half term, children will write descriptions, a balanced argument, a newspaper report, narrative and a police report.



Maths

This terms units will include:

Addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions.

Alongside these units we will continue to work on our arithmetic skills (both mental and written).



Science

The children will learn about materials, their properties, and changes of state.

There will be lots of practical opportunities for experimenting, investigating different materials and assessing their properties. Your children will investigate hardness, transparency, and conductivity of materials. They will also learn about reversible and irreversible changes, such as burning, rusting and mixing.



Computing

This term in computing we will be building on our knowledge of coding, creating and designing algorithms, understanding how to use friction and function in code and code an 'Alien blast scene' using a string.



Art

This term in Art, we will be exploring Sculpture and 3D, planning and drawing a sculpture to fit a design brief, taking inspiration from historical monuments and modern installations. Through this process the children will investigate scale, the display environment and possibilities for viewer interaction with their piece.



History

History this term will focus on what life was like in Tudor England. In this unit children will learn about King Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn and how to extract evidence from primary sources about the Royal Progresses of Elizabeth I. They will also use inventories to make deductions about life in Tudor England.



Music

In music the focus will be Classroom Jazz. We will learn to play the jazz tunes: Three Note Bossa Nova, Five Note Swing, Perdido, Cotton Tail and Things Ain't What They Used to Be.



PE

PE days this term will be Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday's session will be outdoors, so please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for this. Just a reminder that pupils should wear the proper school PE kit or plain black shorts / bottoms with a plain white / black / purple t-shirt.



Wednesday's PE lesson will be tennis and Thursday's will be dance.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about peer pressure and the impact of smoking.



RE

In RE the children will continue their learning about Sikhism. We will discuss the key features of the Gurdwara, learn more about the 10 Gurus and learn about some Sikh festivals.



Enrichment

We are in the process of a booking a visitor to support our RE learning this half term. We will details once this is finalised.



Homework Project



Weekly homework should include a mix of reading, spelling practise (Spellingframe) and maths skills (Tackling Tables/TTRS websites). These should be recorded each week in their reading diary and the diary signed by an adult. This will be checked each Friday. If your child needs any additional practise with other skills, please come and speak to me and I will be able to suggest additional home learning activities.

Home learning project ideas related to this term's learning include...

- History - research a famous person from Tudor times and write your own Horrible Histories style profile about them.



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- History – research what life was like in Tudor times and create a fact page about this.
- Computing – children have access to Purple Mash at home, so they can continue to work on their coding knowledge at home.
- Music – children could listen to some jazz music at home and find some songs they would like to recommend to a friend.

If you do complete these or any other home learning projects relating to our learning this term, please let me know. I would love to see these!



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Wallace

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Supported by: Mrs Rosser

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Reading books will be changed on a Friday and reading diaries will be checked. Please record home learning in children's reading diaries and sign these each week. It is essential that children complete regular reading, spelling practise and times tables practise at home. Thank you.



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Dates for the diary!



Autumn 2

Monday 30th October – school reopens for pupils.

Thursday 9th November – Reception 2024 Open evening 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Friday 10th November - Discos

Monday 13th November – Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day

Friday 1st December – GAT Training Day – school closed.

Monday 11th December – Reception Nativity 2.00 pm

Tuesday 12th December – Nursery Sing-along - 9.0 am.

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Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner and jumper day

Friday 15th December – Christmas Crafts afternoon 1.30pm

Monday 18th December – KS1 Christmas Concerts 9.30am and 2.00pm

Tuesday 19th December – KS2 Christmas Concert 2.30pm

Wednesday 20th December – school closes for Christmas

