



Year 5 Merlins Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome to our Spring 2 newsletter! This half term is extremely exciting with lots of interesting topics. Below is a summary of what we will be covering in Year 5 this half term.

Reading

*World Book Day: Thursday March 2nd



This term we will continue to have 3 whole class reading sessions each week, exploring a number of texts and genres. In particular, the children will be looking at extracts such as Utterly Dark and the Face of The Deep by Philip Reeve, The Raven Heir by Stephanie Burgis and Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly-Hunt amongst many more!

We will begin our new class novel 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell.



Recommended reads:

- Adventure stories
- A Chase in Time by Sally Nicholls
- The Time Machine by H.G Wells

Writing

This term we will be focusing on writing an adventure story. Linked with our class novel, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, the children will have an experience day to become familiar with the Amazon rainforest to collect subject rich language. They will then explore writing skills such as personification, metaphors and complex sentences through a series of guided and independent lessons.



Weekly spellings will be posted to Spelling Frame and a copy given for children to stick into their reading journal.



Maths

This terms units will include:



- Decimals and Percentages
- Perimeter and Area
- Fractions
- Statistics

We will also continue to have arithmetic lessons to recap our knowledge of methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide effectively.

Science

The focus for this half term will be ‘Earth and Space’. Children will begin by exploring what the solar system is, the planets, and find out some fascinating facts about them. They will find out how the Earth, Moon and other planets move in relation to the Sun in the solar system.



Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning to use ‘Spreadsheets’. They will begin to use formulae to convert measures, calculate perimeter and area and to model a real-life problem.



Art and Design

This term in art, children will be developing their drawing and printing skills. We will discuss retrofuturism and Teis Albers’ piece ‘Moonwalk’.



Geography

In our geography unit “Why do oceans matter?”, we will learn about how the ocean is used for human activity and explain how the ocean helps to regulate the Earth’s climate and temperature. We will learn about the location and the benefits of the Great Barrier Reef and discuss how we can support healthy oceans.



Music

There is no music teaching in this half term.



PE

PE days this term will continue to be Tuesday and Wednesday.
On Tuesday, we will begin ‘Tennis’. Children will learn the forehand, backhand and learn to play a continuous rally.
On Wednesday, we will be continuing swimming lessons at Corby Pool.
Don’t forget your swimwear, towel and to remove jewellery.
Please remember to send your children in wearing the school PE kit on these days. Black hoodie and black trousers/joggers can be worn on top of the school PE kit. No bright colours, please!





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Spanish



In our unit 'La Familia', children will learn to discuss their family members in Spanish.

PSHE



In PSHE this term the children will be learning about 'image sharing'. Children will be able to list the reasons for sharing images online, describe the positive and negative consequences of image sharing and recognise the possible influences and pressures of image sharing.

RE



In RE the children will continue their learning about Sikhism. We will focus on the 10 Gurus, the Gurdwara, the Amrit Ceremony and different Sikh festivals.

Enrichment



Mr Singh from the Sikh Education Service will be coming to support us with our learning about Sikhism.

Homework Project



You could:

- Find out about the solar system, a planet or find out how a sundial works. Create a poster or a model to share your learning in class.
- Find out about the Great Barrier Reef. Where is it? What can you do there? What interesting facts can you find out?



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





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Rewards

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



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Jemma Peach

Supported by: Mrs Danielle Coates

Reading journals must be returned to school each Friday so that we can see the children's progress with home learning. We will award Dojo points for this. We encourage all children to read at least 4 times weekly, practise weekly spellings (tested each Thursday) and learn their times tables.

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

Dates for the diary!



Friday 24th February – Year 3 Cake Sale

Friday 24th February – PTA Disco

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Week Beginning 6th March – National Careers Week

Friday 10th March – Takeover Day

Week Beginning 13th March – STEM Week

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 22nd March – Class Photos

Friday 24th March – Year 1 Cake Sale

Friday 31st March – End of term Achievement Assembly

Friday 31st March – School closes at 3.15pm for Easter break

Monday 17th April – Training Day

Tuesday 18th April – School opens at 7.45am for Summer Term