



Year 5 Merlins Newsletter – Summer 2

Welcome

Welcome to your Summer 2 newsletter! I can't believe it is the final half term of Year 5 already! We have lots of exciting topics for this half term and here is a summary.

Reading



This term, children will have the opportunity to vote on what will be our final class novel of the year. I will let you know once they have decided! Alongside reading our class novel, we will also continue our whole class reading lessons and comprehension tasks.

Writing



This term we will be reading 'The Vanishing Trick' by Jenni Spangler to write an advertisement, a persuasive letter and a narrative. Following this, we will have a film stimulus called 'Alma', which will support us in writing a setting description and building on imagery. Finally, we will finish with the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo, and this will help us in writing poems; a Haiku and a Tanka poem.

In GPS, we will recap adverbials and fronted adverbials, look more in depth at using parenthesis, which includes commas, brackets and dashes and we will look at building on our knowledge of relative clauses. Spellings will continue to be put onto Spelling Frame and a weekly test will be given.

Maths

This terms units will include:

- Decimals
- Negative numbers
- Converting units
- Volume



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

Science

The children will learn the topic 'Properties and changes of materials.' There will be lots of practical opportunities for experimenting and investigating materials. Your





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children will investigate thermal conductors and insulators, dissolving, how to separate mixtures and materials and learn about reversible and irreversible changes.

We will also be having the school nurse visit Year 5, who will speak to the children about puberty. This will happen on the afternoon of Thursday 22nd June.

Computing

In computing this term, the children will have two units; 3d modelling and concept maps.



In 3d modelling, the children will learn to explore different viewpoints and design a model using set criteria, which they will print and make. In the concept maps unit, children will learn how to link ideas, making their work visual and clear using images.

Art

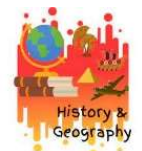
This term in art we will be exploring the features of self-portraits. We will also experiment with different materials and techniques, working towards our end of unit piece – a mixed-media self-portrait.



Geography

In this exciting new geography topic, children will consider the question, “Would you like to live in the desert?”

They will learn all about the features of a desert, the ways humans use deserts and some of the threats facing deserts.



Spanish

Our Spanish unit this half term is, ‘La ropa’ (clothes). Children will learn different items of clothing and learn to describe what they are wearing in Spanish.



PE

PE days this term will continue to be Tuesday and Friday.



Our PE lessons this half term will be orienteering and cricket.

In orienteering, children will develop teamwork skills through completion of a number of challenges. They will be encouraged to be inclusive of others, share ideas to create strategies and plans to produce the best solution to a challenge. Pupils learn to orientate and navigate using a map. In cricket, children will develop the range and quality of striking and fielding skills and their understanding of cricket. They will learn how to play the different roles of bowler, wicket keeper, fielder and batter. In all game activities, pupils have to think about how they use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition.

PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be learning some basic first aid skills, including the recovery position, when to deliver CPR, how to do CPR and when to call for emergency help. We will also be learning about puberty and the changes that boys and girls may go through during puberty. We will also learn about coping strategies to help with the different stages of puberty. There will be a school nurse visiting the school to deliver a puberty talk as part of this topic.





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RE

We are continuing with our RE learning from last half term.



Our RE unit is called Religions in our community: How can we build a more respectful Northamptonshire? We will be learning about the different religious communities found in Northamptonshire and different places of worship in the local area.

Enrichment

There will be a school nurse visiting to talk to the children about puberty. We also have our open session for parents on Thursday 15th June at 14:40, where you can come and read your child.



Homework Project



You could:

- Research a desert and find out some interesting facts about it
- Find out about a famous cricketer.
- Using any media you have at home, have a go at making a self-portrait.



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.





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Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Jemma Peach

Supported by: Mrs Tracy Rosser

Reading journals must be returned to school each Friday, signed by an adult, so that we can see the children’s progress with home learning. We encourage all children to read at least 4 times weekly, practise weekly spellings (tested each Thursday) and learn their times tables. Dojo points will be awarded for each day of home learning completed.

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

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

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!



Wed 7 th June	Year 6 swimming starts – every Wednesday until the end of the year
5 th – 23 rd June	Y4 Multiplication Check
12 th – 16 th June	Y1 / Y2 National Phonics Check
Thurs 15 th June	Year 5 Parents drop-in 2.30pm
Fri 16 th June	Reception Cake Sale
Tues 20 th June	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day 9.30am
Thurs 22 nd June	Years 3, 4, 5, 6 Sports Day 9.30am
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th June	Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes Residential
Fri 7 th July	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
Fri 14 th July	Reports home to parents
Fri 14 th July	Summer Fete
Mon 17 th July	Corby’s Got Talent!
Dates TBC (July)	Year 6 Production
Thurs 20 th July	End of Term Achievement Assembly 9am
Fri 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Celebration
Fri 21 st July	End of Term