



## Year 5 Merlins Newsletter – Autumn 1

### **Welcome**

Welcome to Year 5 Merlins class and to our first newsletter of the year!

### **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 first class novel of the year... I will update you when the results are in!

### **Writing**

This term we will be focusing on different styles of writing. These will include a newspaper report, a setting description and first-person narrative writing. Our first unit will be based around a short film clip called, 'The Lighthouse'.



There will be a focus on recapping basic writing skills this half term, such as using basic punctuation, spelling words learned in previous years accurately and letter formation and handwriting. It would be great if you could support your children with these basic skills at home; please come and see me if you have any questions!

### **Maths**

This terms units will include:

- Roman numerals
- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division



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



**Science**

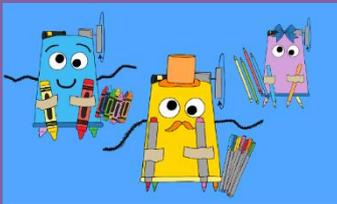


The children will learn the subject 'Properties and changes of materials'. There will be lots of practical opportunities for experimenting, investigating materials and developing working scientifically skills. Your children will investigate the processes of sieving, filtering, evaporation and learn about solutions and factors which affect the time taken to dissolve.

**Computing**



In computing this term the children will be learning word processing skills on Microsoft Word. The skills covered will include creating from a blank page, using text and adjusting the font, size and colour, inserting images, inserting tables and using templates.



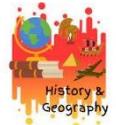
**DT**

This term in DT we will be creating 'Doodlers' that can scribble on paper. We will explore circuits further and introduce motors. To achieve this, children will investigate an existing product, which uses a motor, to explore how the product has been constructed before creating their own.



**Geography**

Our geography unit this term is called, 'What is life like in the Alps?' In this unit, children will learn where the Alps are and locate them on a map. They will also locate the key features of the Alps and compare this to our local area.



**Music**

The focus this term in music will be the song 'Livin' on a Prayer', which children will learn and perform and play with instruments. In this unit children will also listen to and appraise the songs 'We Will Rock You', 'Smoke on the Water', 'Rockin' All Over the World', 'Johnny B Goode' and 'I Saw Her Standing There'.



**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 football and Thursday's will be dance.

**PSHE**

In PSHE this term the children will be recapping their previous learning on the Zones of Regulation. This encourages children to recognise their emotions as well as learning strategies to support them in managing their feelings.



**RE**

In RE the children will be learning about Sikhism – this topic will continue throughout the Autumn Term. We will discuss the main beliefs and values as well as how Sikhism began.



**Enrichment**

As part of our Geography learning, we will go on a local area walk to be able to compare this area to the Alps.



**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...

- Complete some research on a topic of interest and present this using Microsoft Word (computing – word processing skills).
- Create a holiday brochure to persuade people to holiday in the Alps (geography).
- Write a newspaper report about a dramatic event – this can be made up! (English)

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.





## CORBY PRIMARY ACADEMY

### **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.

### **Dates for the diary!**



#### **Autumn 1**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Training Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Training Day

W/B Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September- Reception children start - mornings and lunch only

W/B Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September- Reception children start full time

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Wear Red for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Mufti Day – Wear Green for Lakelands Hospice

W/B 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Parents' Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Harvest Festival - tbc

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – School Photos (individual & siblings)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening – 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October school closes to pupils for Half Term