



Year 5 Merlins Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome to Year 5 Merlins class newsletter for Spring 2.

Reading

We will continue to 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 continue reading our novel from last half term, *Skellig* by David Almond.



Writing

This term we will be focusing on different 'of writing. Our units will be based around, 'Romeo and Juliet', by William Shakespeare and 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. We will be writing a diary entry, a monologue, a story using precise language and humour, biography, a character description and a non-chronological report.



Maths

We have three maths units this half term:

- Decimals and Percentages
- Perimeter and area
- Statistics



We will continue to work on our arithmetic skills alongside these units.

Science

Our unit this term is called, 'Life cycles and reproduction'. We will learn about the life cycles of plants, mammals, birds, amphibians and insects and we will also find out about asexual reproduction in plants.



Computing

This term in computing we will be learning how to use and edit spreadsheets.



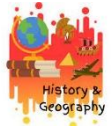
Art

Our art unit is called, 'Drawing: I need space'. One focus for the unit is understanding retrofuturism (art produced between 1950-1960 that depicted what people imagined the world would look like). Children will develop skills in evaluating images and creating art through various drawing processes, including collagraph printmaking.



History

This term, History will be about the Greeks and what they did for us. We will be investigating the city states of Athens and Sparta and learning about the legacy of the ancient Greeks. Focusing on democracy, the Olympic games, architecture and art and theatre.



Music

In music the focus will be old school hip-hop, based on the classic 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'.



PE

PE days this term will be Monday and Tuesday. On Monday, we will be outdoors for netball. On Tuesdays, we will have swimming so children will need their swimming kit and a towel. Children can still wear PE kit on a Tuesday.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about image sharing and adult's and children's views about staying safe online.



RE

We are continuing with our RE unit called Words of Wisdom: What can we learn from Christians, Sikhs and Muslims wisdom?



Enrichment

Our postponed trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester will be taking place next half term, on Friday 26th April. We also have swimming lessons this half term at Corby Swimming every Tuesday morning.



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.

- Children could choose an animal and complete some research about the stages of its life cycle. They could then write or type a report about this.
- Children could complete some sketching and drawing practise at home to support with their art learning. There are often some useful tutorials that can be found online!

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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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!



Spring 2

Monday 26th February – school reopens to pupils.

Tuesday 5th March - Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 6th March- Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day – tbc

Thursday 28th March – school closes for Easter



EASTER HOLIDAYS

