



Year 5 Merlins Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome

Welcome to Year 5 Merlins class newsletter for Summer 1. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break!

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).



Writing

This term, our writing will be based on the books 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo and 'Darwin's Dragons' by Lindsay Galvin. We will be learning how to write diary entries, a narrative, a pamphlet, letters and a biography.



Maths

We have three maths units this half term:

- Shape
- Position and direction
- Decimals



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

Science

Our unit this term is called, 'Unbalanced Forces'. We will learn about gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction along with their effects. We will also learn about the effects of levers, pulleys and simple machines on movement.



Computing

This term in computing we will be learning how to create databases, the impact of sharing information online, password security and referencing sources.



DT

Our DT unit is called, "Cooking and nutrition: developing a recipe". As part of this unit, children will learn the process of beef production, research a traditional recipe and make changes to it, add nutritional value to a recipe by selecting ingredients and prepare and cook a version of Bolognese sauce.



Geography

In Geography we will be learning about the physical features of deserts, how we use deserts, the threats facing them and the characteristics of desert biomes.



Music

This term the focus in music will be looping and remixing. We will be learning how to use loops to create a whole piece of music, perform a looped body percussion rhythm and perform a piece of music with structure and different loops.



PE

PE days this term will be Monday and Thursday. Both sessions are outdoors. We will have athletics and OAA (outdoor adventurous activities).



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about Enterprise and how to make and save money. We will also be learning about inclusion and acceptance, including what makes our communities diverse and ways in which we differ.



RE

In RE this term, we will be learning about different religions in our community and about the different places of worship that can be found in Northamptonshire.



Enrichment

Our postponed trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester will be taking place on Friday 26th April.



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 practise their food preparation and cooking skills at home by supporting with making simple meals. If they made a Bolognese sauce, this would be especially helpful for our DT unit!
- Find out about an Olympic athlete and create a poster to share in class (PE link).

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!

Summer 1

Monday 15th April – Training Day

Tuesday 16th April – school reopens to pupils.

Friday 26th April – Trip to Space Centre

Monday 6th May- Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May - KS2 SAT's Week

Friday 24th May – Y6 Takeover Day

Friday 24th May – school closes to pupils for Half Term



Summer 2

Monday 3rd June – Training Day

Tuesday 4th June - school reopens to pupils.

Tuesday 4th June - Y4 Multiplication Testing x 2 weeks

Monday 10th June - Phonics Screening Week - Year 1

Friday 21st June – Sports Day (KS2 am, EYFS/KS1 pm)

Tuesday 25th June – Reception New Intake Evening

Friday 28th June – Reserve Sports Day (KS2 am, EYFS/KS1 pm)

Nursery Sports Day - tbc

Thursday 11th July- Reports to parents

Friday 12th July – Transfer Day – tbc

Wednesday 17th July – Y6 Performance

Thursday 18th July – Y6 Performance

Tuesday 23rd July – Y6 Leavers Assembly pm

Tuesday 23rd July – School closes for Summer

