

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Merlins

Spring 2016



Our Theme:

A Day in the Life

Our Key Values:

Caring Commitment to Achieve Co-operation
Fairness Honesty Respect



Welcome Back Merlins! I hope you have had a brilliant and restful Christmas holiday and are excited to start our new term. I am looking forward to a fun packed and exciting term together learning even more new skills and showing everyone how amazing you are!

English

Throughout this term we will be linking our English lessons to our IPC topic. We will be doing lots of writing about the different jobs people do in our community, including in our school. Our handwriting has really improved since we started back in September and we will continue to work on this throughout this term. We are also really enjoying our new spelling scheme and look forward to continuing to work on this too.

Mathematics

In Mathematics this term we will be working on multiplication and division, addition and subtraction, looking at new written methods, fractions, capacity, weight, and length. Wherever possible we will link our learning in Mathematics to our IPC topic.

Science

In Science this term we are going to be learning about plants and how they grow. We will be planting our own beans and keeping a diary to track how they grow and develop. To make sure they do not die we will need to remember to water them and put them in a place where they will get lots of sunlight.

R.E

This term in RE we will be learning about belonging to a Jewish community. We will be identifying Jewish artefacts and symbols, learning how babies are welcomed into Jewish communities, the story of Hanukkah, where Jews worship and what food they eat on special occasions. We will then go on to think about how different people talk about God, incorporating the Easter story.

Computing

Throughout this term we will be learning to use computers to research and present our findings. We will learn about the safe use of the internet when searching for information and how to put what we have found into a powerpoint to share with other people.

PSHE

We will continue to follow our Jigsaw scheme in PSHE this term. This term we will be looking at goals and dreams. We will think about how we can achieve goals and dreams, things that might get in our way and how we can overcome them and how to manage when things don't go quite as we expect.

P.E

In P.E the children will be focusing on dance up until half term. They will be using sports movements to put together and create a routine. After half term they will be doing gymnastics, developing their basic balance skills to feed into gymnastic work later on in their school life.

International Primary Curriculum

We learn these subjects through our theme. For our themes we have an entry day to enthuse the children and an exit day to celebrate all that we have learned.

Spring Term
Our IPC theme this term is A Day in the Life.
On our WOW day we will be sharing what we already know about different jobs. We will come dressed as what we want to do when we grow up and think about what all of the different jobs entail.
On our exit day we will be creating our own careers fair. We will present information on the different jobs we have learnt about throughout the term to try and convince people that they want to do our favourite job more than the others.

Spring Term
As Historians we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to ask and answer questions about the past.• The differences between our lives and of those in the past.• To use different sources to find out about the past.
As Artists we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To know about some of the forms artists use in their work.• To suggest ways to improve our own work.• To comment on works of art.
As Geographers we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About our own locality.• To describe the features of our school site and other familiar places.• How to make simple maps of real and imaginary places.
In Society we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About the interests, jobs and hobbies of different people.• Some of the rules of groups to which we and others belong.

Important Information

As per the homework policy, our weekly homework will be set on Thursday and returned on Monday. **Please note the change of day.**

Our P.E days are: **Tuesday and Friday**.

Please practice phonics challenges with your child as often as you can, alongside listening to them read every night.

The children will have the opportunity to read to an adult at least once a week in school and change their reading book everyday. It is also very important they are reading at home to help them progress through the various different stages and improve their vocabulary which in turn helps them in their writing. Please understand that the children's reading stage will be changed when they have demonstrated over a period of time that they have improved their fluency and comprehension on that stage. There are a number of varied books for each reading stage and it is important that the children read a breadth of different genres. Before making the decision to move the children up a level, I always consult their National Curriculum reading level first.

We encourage the children to be as independent as possible in Key Stage 1, including developing their responsibility for bringing their P.E. kits, homework and spelling books on the correct day, and reminding them to change their reading books when they need to. We ask for your support with this.

We are looking forward to a very exciting and fun-packed year with lots of learning taking place throughout. We are always grateful to our parents who come in and help us with swimming and trips around Market Rasen. If you are able to give up an hour a week to hear readers we would be very grateful. The children love reading to someone new and we would love to welcome you into the classroom to help.

Kind Regards

Miss Walford