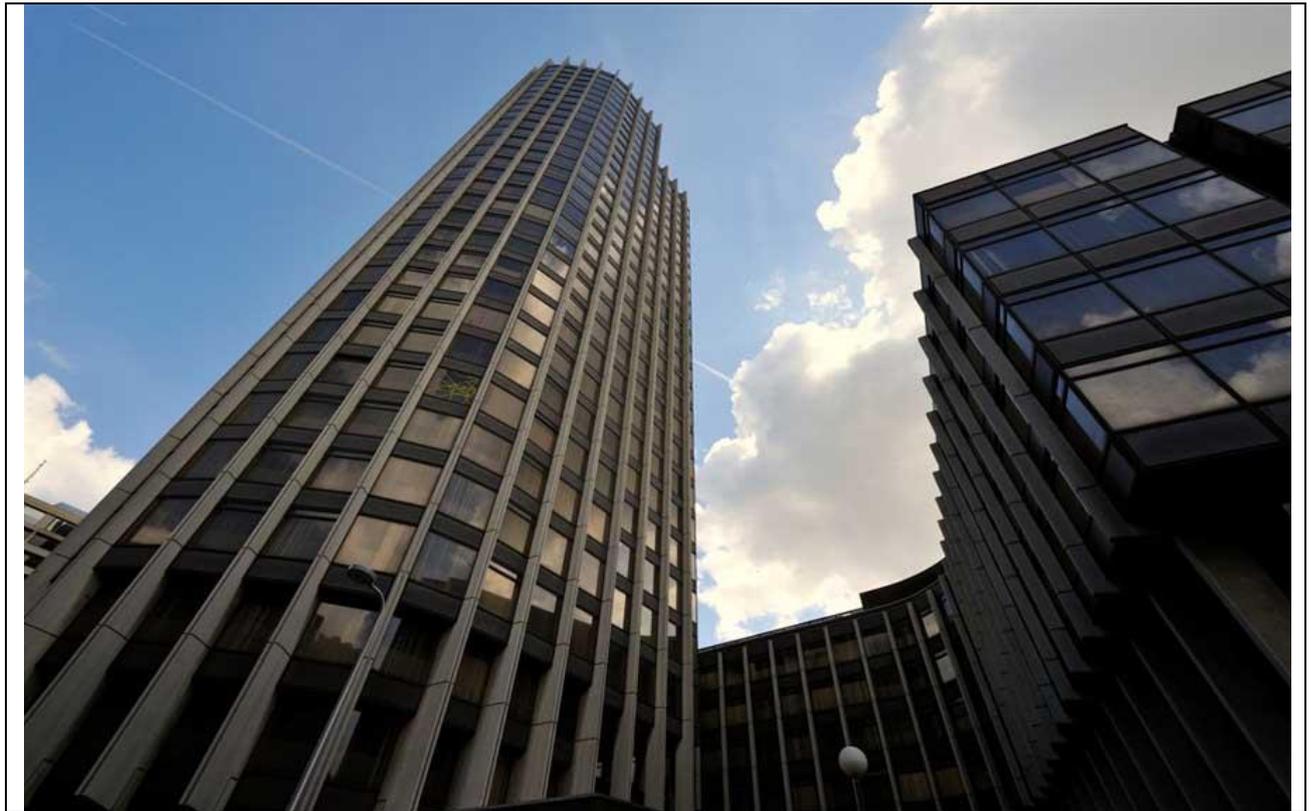


# Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Merlins

Spring 2015



Our Theme:

Buildings

Our Key Values:

Caring Commitment to Achieve Co-operation Fairness Honesty Respect



Welcome back Merlins! I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for some more fun learning experiences this term. We are learning about different buildings and structures this term.

#### **Literacy**

During this term we will be linking our literacy with our IPC topic - we will be writing about The Three Little Pigs and their different homes, the Lighthouse Keeper and information about different buildings from the past, present and the future. We will also link our reading with books about buildings such as Hansel and Gretel and castle adventures.

#### **Numeracy**

During this term we will be learning how to solve problems involving multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. We will also learn to find fractions of different amounts and shapes. As always we will link our numeracy with our IPC topic.

#### **Science**

In Science this term we are learning to test the strength of different structures and materials. In the second term we will be learning about habitats and where animals and plants live in, such as forests. We will learn about how animals adapt to their environment and live by depending on each other.

#### **R.E**

In R.E this term the children will be learning about different bible stories and will also explore the Christian place of worship, a Church. We are hoping to visit St Thomas' church and Lincoln Cathedral later in the term. In Term Two we will be learning to talk about God and the Easter story.

#### **Computing**

In the first term we will be learning about painters and how to create an illustrated eBook! In the second term we will be collectors and learning to find images using the internet.

#### **PSHE**

This term we are learning to set ourselves goals in our school work and our personal life. In the second term we are learning about why it is good to be me.

#### **P.E**

This term the children will be exploring healthy lifestyles. They will be looking at the effect of exercise on their bodies. The children will also be engaging in rhythmic Gymnastics.

## 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 1 and 2	
Buildings	
Our entry day is a day spent looking at buildings around Market Rasen and then creating them back in the classroom.	Our exit day is a trip to Lincoln Cathedral to look at one of the most amazing structures in our county.

As Historians we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How buildings were made in the past.</li><li>• How buildings have been used in the past.</li><li>• How people travelled in the past.</li></ul>
As Artists we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to draw pictures of local buildings.</li><li>• How to make and decorate models of buildings.</li><li>• How to make prints.</li></ul>
In Geography we will be finding out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• About different houses, homes and other buildings around the world.</li><li>• How to use maps and atlases to locate the different countries these buildings are in.</li></ul>
As Musicians we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• About pitch and exploring different sounds.</li><li>• About sounds in water and weather.</li></ul>
As Technologists we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to make picture frames.</li><li>• How to make models of houses.</li></ul>
In International we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• About the different houses people live in, in different countries.</li><li>• How these houses are used in comparison to our own.</li></ul>

## Important Information

***As this term is all about buildings we will be building lots and so would be very grateful for any boxes, tubs and other junk modelling items you have.***

Our weekly homework will be set on Wednesday and returned on Monday.

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

Phonics challenges will be tested on a **Friday**. Please practice these 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 everyday in school and change their reading book. 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 One, 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 have had great fun in our first term together and we are looking forward to learning more in our Spring Term. 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

Mrs Watson