



C.E CONTROLLED  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## Merlin Class News Letter Spring 1<sup>st</sup> half term 2025

### Topics this term:

We will be exploring the theme of Space through all areas of the EYFS curriculum in particular Literacy, Understanding of the World (Science, Geography) and Expressive Arts and Design. We will be learning about Special Places and sharing our own experiences. In Maths we will be exploring and comparing numbers within 20 and practicing adding and taking away. We will be using objects and practical equipment to help with all aspects of our maths. We will be learning about Time and exploring measurement of Mass, Capacity, Length and Height. In Literacy we will be securing our recognition of single letter sounds and learning sounds with two letters (digraphs) through our phonics sessions. We continue to practice letter formation and are beginning to spell by 'sounding out' as we begin to write simple sentences.

PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Friday** each week.

Please send your children to school wearing their PE kit and trainers on these days.

School PE kit for colder months is: Plain navy tracksuit or sweatshirt and jogging bottoms with black or white trainers. Children with long hair must wear their hair tied back with a band.

Class Books: We will be enjoying and exploring a variety of text types this term including stories, non-fiction texts and rhymes. We will look at the features of our class books and answer questions about the stories and information we hear. Some of the books we will be reading this half term include: Man on the Moon, Way Back Home, Here come the Aliens, Aliens Love underpants and Living in Space.

### Homework:

\*Reading books- Please read with your child as often as possible. Talk about the pictures, What is happening in the story. What might happen next? How are the characters feeling? Why? Support and encourage your child to say the sounds correctly and blend them together to read the words.

\*Phonics Practice sound cards (brown envelope)- Please help your child to practice recognising and saying the phase 2 (red cards) and Phase 3 (blue cards) sounds as pure sounds. Please refer to the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds video on the Phonics and Early reading section of the School Website to check pronunciation. We will continue to add more sounds as we learn them this term.

\*Maths Homework- Each Thursday your child will have a piece of Maths in their homework book. Please support your child by helping them with this and returning by the following Thursday. We look forward to seeing you on the Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan to explain what we will be covering over the term and how you can support your child further in their learning.

\*Purple Mash- Please find your child's login details at the back of their Yellow reading diary. Practice logging in and exploring Mini Mash. We will be setting some simple homework tasks via our blog on Purple Mash from Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. To find the blog, log in to Purple Mash and at the top of the home screen there is a blue tab titled 'Sharing' Click on this tab and then the tab that is titled 'Shared Blogs' Merlin Class Blog is depicted with a House picture. The Blog will be available from Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan.



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Any other useful information:

As the weather is cold and unpredictable please ensure your child comes to school in a waterproof coat with a hood, a woolly hat and gloves. We learn and play outside every day.



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