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Merlin Class News Letter
Autumn 2nd half term 2026

Topics this term: **Transport and Celebrations.**
We will be exploring the theme of Transport in both Reception and Year 1. Year 1 will be looking at the flight of the first aeroplane and finding out about the Wright Brothers. We will also be learning about Celebrations such as Bonfire night, Diwali, Birthdays, Hanukah and Christmas and sharing our own experiences.
In Maths Reception will be exploring and comparing numbers within 10. We will be using objects and practical equipment to help with all aspects of our Maths. We will be learning about 2D shapes and exploring pattern and position. Year 1 will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction and 3D shapes.
In English reception will be learning to write individual letters; beginning to read and spell by 'sounding out;' exploring features of our class books and answering questions about the stories we hear. Year 1 are building on writing sentences independently, learning new vocabulary and looking at different elements of comprehension of texts.
Our Christmas preparations will involve lots of fun including Christmas Arts week, the Pantomime and our Christmas Nativity performance.

PE will be on **Mon** and **Friday** each week.
Please send your children to school wearing their PE kit and trainers on these days.
We recommend the School PE kit for colder months. This 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: Transport rhyming books by Margaret Mayo, Road Safety-Non Fiction, Transport- Poems, Christmas themed stories and poems, The Nativity Story. Year 1 will also look at texts including The Gunpowder Plot, What's Inside Me by Usbourne and Snow White.

Homework: (Reception)
*Reading books- Please read with your child as often as possible. Talk about the pictures, Where is the story set? Who are the characters? What is happening in the story? What might happen next? How are the characters feeling? Why? Support and encourage your child to answer these sorts of questions as fully as possible.

*Phonics: Please refer to the YouTube video to check pronunciation.
Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds | Oxford Owl https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc

Homework (Year 1)
*Reading books- Your child will continue to progress through the reading scheme. They will bring a reading book home to share with you and will be heard to read each week in school.

*Spelling practice: Spellings will be sent home on a Monday and tested the following Monday. Please use the Look, say, cover, write check method to practice the spellings.

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*Homework Book: A topic related homework grid will be sent home each half term for your child to choose homework tasks to complete and return each Thursday, along with the maths task.
*Purple Mash- Explore Mini Mash activities with your child using the login details stuck in the back of their Yellow reading diary.

Any other useful information:
Now we are in November the weather can be very unpredictable. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing ie a waterproof coat with a hood, gloves and a hat and a water bottle. We learn and play inside and outside every day.