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**PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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## Merlin Class News Letter Summer 1<sup>st</sup> half term 2025

### Topics this term:

We will be exploring the topic 'Really Wild' through all areas of the EYFS curriculum in particular Literacy, Understanding of the World (Science, History) and Expressive Arts and Design. We will be thinking about our world and considering what is special about it. In Maths we will be exploring and comparing numbers within 20, practicing adding and taking away and recalling number bonds to 5 and 10. We will be using objects and practical equipment to help with all aspects of our maths. We will also be exploring 2D and 3D shape. In Literacy we will be securing our recognition of the single and the double letter sounds (digraphs), increasing our blending skills and practising reading longer words. We continue to practice letter formation and will further develop our ability to spell by 'sounding out' as we write words and 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 is: Navy blue T shirt and Navy Blue shorts 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: The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle, The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, The life cycle of a butterfly by Camilla de la Bedoyere, The journey of Life as we grow- Libby Walden

### 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.

\*Purple Mash- Please find your child's login details at the back of their Yellow reading diary. Homework activities will be set via our blog each Wed. 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.

Any other useful information:



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As the weather is unpredictable please ensure your child comes to school in a waterproof coat with a hood as we learn and play outside every day.



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