



MERLINS NEWS – AUTUMN 1

Welcome back!

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. We are so excited to welcome the children back for a new school year in Years 3/4! We have lots of exciting learning planned and can't wait to see the children settle into their new routines, make new friendships and challenge themselves with their learning. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please feel free to speak to me at the end of the day or contact the school office.

Love 2 Read

In class, we will be reading George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. Join George as he creates a very unusual medicine for his Grandma, leading to a series of hilarious and unexpected events! We will use this exciting story to develop our reading skills, explore characters and events, and inspire our own writing.

Termly Overview

Our Termly Overview has been sent home and shares all of the exciting learning we have planned across the curriculum. This term, our learning will include George's Marvellous Medicine, alongside lots of exciting topics and opportunities to develop our knowledge and skills. If you would like to look at the overview again, it will also be available on our school website.

Expectations

We expect children to behave in accordance with our school values. We follow instructions, speak to each other with respect and show kindness and care towards others. We are ready to learn, look after our school and the equipment we use, and take pride in our work. A little reminder: Show and Tell will take place on Fridays only. Please do not bring toys or other items into school on other days. Children also do not need to bring pencil cases as we have plenty of stationery and equipment available in the classroom.

Collective Worship and Values

You are all invited to our special celebration worship that takes place every Friday from 3:00. Please just turn up! You will also be invited if your son/daughter is due to receive a star or the week or Headteacher award. The theme for worship this term is respect. Please support your child at home with their values passports! For more information check out our worship page on the [website](#)

Homework

Children will receive weekly spellings to practise at home, along with 20 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) each week. Please support your child by helping them practise their spellings regularly and encouraging them to complete their TTRS activities.





TERMLY OVERVIEW

Pytchley Curriculum Focus: Soils and Stones

English

Key Text: *George's Marvellous Medicine*

Purpose for Writing:

In the first part of the term, our English unit will focus on character and setting description. We will explore George's character and how he changes throughout the story, as well as developing our use of speech, prepositions of place and causal conjunctions. Children will use these skills to write a character and setting description about George and the events surrounding Grandma.

In the second part of the term, we will use *George's Marvellous Medicine* as a stimulus for recount writing. Children will develop their use of adverbials to express time, conjunctions and paragraphs to create a diary recount of the dramatic events when Grandma drinks George's medicine and grows.

Maths

Year 3: Place Value – Children will be looking at rounding, estimating and numbers up to 10,000.

Addition and subtraction – Children will use their newfound place value knowledge to add and subtract numbers in their thousands, carrying and exchanging.

Year 4: Place Value – Children will be looking at rounding, estimating and numbers up to 10,000.

Addition and subtraction – Children will use their newfound place value knowledge to add and subtract numbers in their thousands, carrying and exchanging.

Key skills Year 3 KIRF- I can recall number bonds to 20.

Key skills Year 4: KIRF- I can recall all number bonds to 100.

Geography

Focus: Countries & Regions / Cities

Children will learn about the compass points and expand on previous knowledge. We will use this to discover where different counties are compared to Northamptonshire. We will also be working on our map skills and reading.

Science

Focus: Biology

Animals and Humans Nutrition

Children will learn about nutrition within animals and humans. We will look at how animals and humans make sure they get the nutrition they need. Children will continue to learn about the importance of nutrition.

Working Scientifically: Children will use the full range of scientific investigation skills, such as observing, asking questions, grouping and classifying and using secondary sources to research the subject further.

PSHE

Focus: Being me in my world

We will be looking at who we are and how we fit into the world. We will look at how our actions affect those around us

RE

Focus: Sikhism:

What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?

In this unit, children will continue to explore the Sikh religion. They will explore Sikh beliefs about God, their values and ways of living.

PE

PE Days are Mondays and Wednesdays

Focus: Dance - Interpret Music to create expressive movement.

Focus: Games - Invasion: passing & receiving. Children will have the opportunity to improve their skills in games and use them in different scenarios.

Music

Focus: Jazz

Children will be doing Jazz and they will learn to play a call and then improvise a response and improvise or compose a scat singing performance with sounds and words. They will also learn to play a swung rhythm using a tuned percussion instrument.

French

Focus: French Greetings with Puppets

Children will learn conversation skills (name/age/where they live) and learn to talk to each other confidently.