

Merlin Newsletter

Term 3 – Year 5

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 3!

If you have anything you wish to talk to any of the Year 5 team about, please do use the class email merlins@egerton.kent.sch.uk or alternatively arrange an appointment at the office for a phone call or face to face chat.

Kind regards

Miss Chaplin

This term our learning across a range of curriculum subjects has a Science focus. Details of this can be found on the [curriculum overview](#) on our class page of the website.



Home Learning

Reading

We encourage all children to read...read widely...read with pleasure...read with interest!
There really is something out there for everyone, even the most reluctant of readers.

The Reading Scrapbook is proving very popular and the entries so far are on display in the classroom. The discussions we have in class about the children's recommendations are valuable and inspiring in many ways and I look forward to seeing all of them.

Maths

As before I will send home the White Rose supporting activities that are linked directly to what we are learning in class.

Spelling

All children now have their spelling shed log-in and are encouraged to check for the weekly assignments. These are available for a week and then a new assignment is set. We have logged on in class to check that all children are able to access this with success.

Additional skills

I am always delighted to see a variety of things that the children are interested in and can be shared with their classmates. So far this year we have shared photos of new pets, travels, completed jigsaw puzzles, shared PowerPoints of poetry and topics of interest, looked at books created by individuals and listened to achievements in sport, drama and other competitions. I have even enjoyed some 'home bakes' and challenged children to learn to tie their shoelaces! All of these 'home learning' opportunities should be celebrated and encouraged and contribute to the valuable skills needed in life. Please do share these with us.

This term PE will take place on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Children will be learning **Hockey** and **Dance**.

Please ensure children's PE kits are in school every day and that earrings are either removed or can be taped. Long hair should also be tied up for safety reasons.

Please also remember that it is so handy to have a spare pair of socks, a P.E jumper/ tracksuit bottoms now the weather is changing.

Important dates for year 5

Wednesday 29th January – CATS Tests for all Year 5 children. Please ensure attendance on that day!

Wednesday 12th February – Chemistry enrichment workshop at Ashford School 4-5pm for those that respond to the invitation when sent out online – Only 12 spaces available.

Reminders!

- Please ensure red contact books and reading books are in school every day.
- **No rucksacks in school please...**a book bag or drawstring bag only.
- Fresh fruit/ vegetable snacks for break time are encouraged.
- Shoulder length hair or longer should be tied back every day for health and safety reasons.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled as it is very difficult to identify the correct aged 9-10 jumper for your child when they all look the same!
- Only school fidget toys should now be used in class by agreement and not ones brought in from home.