

# Merlin Newsletter

## Term 2 – Year 5

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 2! I hope that you have had a good break over half term and that the children are ready and raring to go with a busy term ahead.

If you have anything you wish to talk to any of the Year 5 team about, please do use the class email 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 History focus. Details of this can be found on the [curriculum overview](#) on our class page of the website.**

### Home Learning

We encourage all children to read, read, read and if in doubt, read some more!

Just a reminder that every child should be reading for at least 10-20 minutes every day and this can be from a range of texts, it does not have to be a 'school book'. We are so impressed with reading efforts last term with some children showing great motivation to read for pleasure and find the kind of texts that interest them.

The Reading Scrapbook has started its rounds and it is lovely to see some fantastic and inspiring entries so far! Full instructions on how this works are included inside the scrapbook. We look forward to each child having a turn at creating their own page or pages based on a book and to read and share the other entries with you at home.

### Maths

I will continue to send home the White Rose supporting activities that are linked directly to what we are learning in class. Many of the children found this helpful last term and are manageable tasks that can be done at home.

The White Rose 1 minute Maths app is great for quick recall of number facts for all ages and abilities and will complement our daily arithmetic lessons. Please download it on to your phone or tablet so that the children can access this if you haven't done so already.

TT Rockstars is also still available to use and your child should know their log-in for this. If they have forgotten then please do ask for replacement log-in details.

## Home Learning continued...

### Spelling

I will send home spellings this term. Your child should practice these in ways that is appropriate to them. In addition, some children may be given extra focus words to work on and practice.

### Useful websites to support learning:

[KS2 - BBC Bitesize](#) is a great website for English, Maths, Science, French and other subjects. It has activities and explanations. Just click on the year 5 section to find out more.

[Key Stage 2 - Topmarks Search](#) – Again this has some good activities for a range of abilities in KS2 to reinforce our learning in class.

<https://ed.ted.com/> Ted Ed talks are great short videos on a whole range of topics that support learning in all subjects and are great fun as well as interesting.

This term PE will take place on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday**. Children will be learning **Gymnastics** and **Tag rugby**.

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.

Every child is given the opportunity to choose two books in school. They will either have their Freshstart or colour banded reading text as well as a self-chosen 'library book' that they have shown interest in reading. In some instances, this may be a text that is too challenging for them to read independently, but they have chosen it for pleasure. Please support them with reading this. They are allowed to bring them home but must return them before choosing the next book. Thank you!

### 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.