

Merlin Newsletter

Term 4 – Year 5

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 4!

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. I look forward to meeting with you all at the parent consultations.

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

Reading

This term there is an incentive to read in the form of earning raffle tickets for reading 3 times a week or more. The 3 winning tickets drawn at the end of the week can choose a prize from the prize box.

Maths

As before I will send home the White Rose supporting activities that are linked directly to what we are learning in class. This term we are focusing on decimals, percentages, perimeter, area & statistics.

Spelling

We are continuing weekly spellings in class that the children learn all week and I will be setting assignments linked to these. Please ask your child for their spellings from their tray if you would like them to practice at home.

Additional skills

As I mentioned way back at coffee and conversation in term 1, it really is important at this stage of the year that we encourage the children to be as independent as possible.

This will set them in good stead for secondary school when they will have to remember a lot more things for themselves.

On a daily basis the children come to tell me about their missing pens, pencils, P.E kits, shoes etc... and my response is usually "How are you going to sort that problem?" If they can't then they have to deal with the consequences if they can't find a solution.

It is important to encourage resilience and problem-solving rather than fixing every problem for them, however tempting and easier that may be!

This term PE will take place on a **Monday and Tuesday**. Children will be learning **Tennis** and **OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities)** with the **Teamtheme coaches**.

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 as well as shorts.

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.