



# Merlins Newsletter

## Term 1



Dear Year 6 Merlins,

### Welcome to Year 6!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and you are ready for a new year of learning!

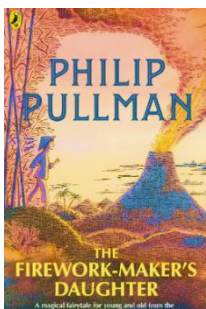
We are looking forward to starting Year 6, where we have many exciting and interesting units of learning coming up and we will be helping to get the class ready for secondary school.

If you wish to contact the Year 6 team, the email address for the class has remained the same as last year (merlins@egerton.kent.sch.uk). The year 6 team as well as Mrs Head will be monitoring this regularly.

If you have any questions or queries please come and speak to us either before or after school, using the email address above, or by contacting the school office.

Mr Langford, Miss Gomez and Mr Humphries

### What are the children learning in Term 1?



**English:** This term we will be reading 'Fire Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. We will be using this fantastic book as inspiration for our own independent writing!

**RE:** Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?

**Maths:** This term we will be focusing on place value and using the four operations following the White Rose Programme. Children will practise using the formal column methods and learn long division

**Science:** This term we will begin at learning about animals including humans. Children will learn about the heart and understand the impact of diet, sleep and drugs on the body.

Have a look at the Year 6 Curriculum Map to find out more about the learning this term

### Reading and Home Learning

Please can children bring their red contact book into school and any completed home learning on a **Tuesday**

### PE and Forest School

This term, children will be learning Netball and Fitness.

Please make sure PE kits are in school every day

Forest School session will take place on Fridays

**Keeping Healthy**  
Children can bring in a bottle of **water** each day and a **healthy snack** they can have a break time



## Year 6 Home Learning Tasks

The Year 6 home learning tasks:

- ✓ *Complements the learning in class and will support your child to make good progress.*
- ✓ *Helps to develop good learning habits and will encourage your child to develop the skills to become an independent learner.*
- ✓ *Helps your child to appreciate that learning can take place outside the classroom.*
- ✓ *Can be shared with parents and carers.*

Tasks will be given to children each week.

Please do encourage your child to complete as much as possible.

**Maths:** Continue to practise times tables up to the 12x tables, use the arithmetic test to practise any questions where you made mistakes and complete the maths key skill sheets that are sent home.

**Reading:** Please ensure that you are reading for at least 15 minutes, four times a week and complete the Year 6 reading comprehension.

**English:** Complete the grammar sheet.

**Spelling:** Look at the words on the Year 5 / 6 Statutory List. How many of these words can you use in conversation throughout this term?

Regularly use Spelling Shed to practice this weeks spellings.

**Independent Learning:** Please take a look at our curriculum map and use this to research an area of learning you find useful. Learning may be presented using any form of media e.g. a written explanation, a PowerPoint, a poster or even a video.

If necessary, children may be given additional tasks to help consolidate what they are learning in class.

We would love to see the children's home learning tasks so please do send in completed work on a Tuesday.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – **First day in Year 6**  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – **Year 6 Coffee and Conversation 9am**  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September – **Kent Test**  
 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September – **House Captain Speeches**  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – **House Captains and other roles awarded**  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September – **Harvest Festival Service in the Church**  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – **Half Term**  
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 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – **First Day of Term 2**  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December – **Last Day of Term 2**  
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 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – **Year 6 SATS Week**  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – **Year 6 Residential**

### This term's reading recommendation

**Holes by Louis Sachar**  
*Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake), it's not exactly a surprise.*

*Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole each, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it builds character, but this is a lie. It's up to Stanley to dig up the truth.*

