

MERLIN CLASS

AUTUMN TERM

The year started off full of excitement with our whole school **INFLATABLES DAY!**



Our first half term was all about endangered animals. The topic was titled '**Here Today, Gone Tomorrow**' and we focused on some of the most endangered species in the world.

We had a **ROARSOME** time writing non-chronological reports about these animals. During the topic we visited Marwell Wildlife Park, where we managed to meet some of these animals face to face!



We ended the half term with a 'Wear it **Wild**' day. We spent the day looking into the habitats of these endangered animals, making our own out of playdough and considering how they might survive. In the afternoon, we produced some stunning art that considered life without these animals. **From this day, we also raised enough money to adopt our own PENGUIN, which we are really proud of.**



After half term, we had a very, very comfy day. Our 'PJ Day' was the building blocks for the 'Lost Happy Endings' topic, as it helped to explore the world of magical stories and allowed us to create our own! We also designed and created our very own torches from scratch which was the ideal preparation for our electricity topic in Science too

Over the Christmas period, we had lots of fun. We did a Christmas Nativity with Owl Class which was brilliant, our class had two solo singers who performed amazingly too. Performing to parents was really great and lots of us grew in confidence!



SPRING TERM

At Thorney Island School, we are extremely lucky to say that we are a culturally diverse school with many children and their families having roots in different countries such as Ghana, Fiji and many more. We wanted to celebrate this so our next topic after

Christmas was '**Fabulous Fiji**'. We started off the topic by watching the Disney film 'Moana'. This helped us write some fantastic autobiographies as if we were Moana.

We had a 'NICE DAY' during International Week, when we learned all about Amazing America! Making S'MORES over candle light was a big hit!



During this topic, we were also visited by members of the school 'Fijian Community' who came in and taught the children all about island life and the traditions and customs of their country



The rest of the Spring Term suddenly turned *magical*. As we stepped back in to Merlin Class, we had somehow arrived at Hogwarts! This magical day kicked off our new topic for the term which was called 'Heroes of Hogwarts'.



We made our own
Potion Poems and
Mirror of Erised!



Our topic finished with a **special** trip up to the Warner Brothers studio to explore **EVERYTHING** that is Harry Potter related. It truly was **magical!** We were even lucky enough to have a workshop on costume distressing, where we had the chance to use the same techniques as in the movies.



SUMMER TERM

For the first half term in Merlin Class, our topic was called '**There Is No Place Like Home**' with the focus being on the local area. During the half term, we managed to squeeze in **TWO** trips which was just fantastic.

Our trips were to Emsworth and Chichester. These were both excellent and we used them to undertake a comparison study between the two as part of our locality study. It was extremely interesting to find out similarities and differences between the city of Chichester and also the town of Emsworth. In Chichester we managed to conduct our comparison study, visit the Cathedral and the Art Gallery before walking the old Roman walls.

The local study topic was followed through in all of our subjects for this half term, with our Art and D.T topic requiring us to design and make a box of fudge for the local area. In English, we created persuasive leaflets all about the beautiful town of Emsworth or magnificent city of Chichester.



Our second Summer term topic was '**MEET THE GREEKS**'. Throughout the topic, we learned a great deal about the mythical stories and their beasts.

As a hook to the topic, we had a really fun day, spent as an Ancient Greek. We tried the foods that they would have eaten in Greece, such as flatbreads, humus, olives and Feta Cheese!



We ended the day with an Ancient Greek Olympics, where we competed against each other in our 'Greek States'. It was great fun to experience the thrill and competitiveness of an Olympics, as well as showcase some of the skills that we had learned in our athletics topic we had been learning in PE last term.

Within the last term, we also did lots of other FUN, EXCITING things as we counted down the days until the summer holidays!



Our end of year Clarinet Assembly to the whole school and parents was a hit!!!

They loved our James Brown tune...it felt good...

SO GOOD.

