

Merlin Class Curriculum Letter
Summer 1 - 2024

There's No Place Like Home

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed the Easter break and the sunshine! Our topic for this half term is called 'There's No Place Like Home'. We will be learning all about the history of Emsworth and Chichester as well as learning new geographical skills which we will use when we go on our **two** field trips to these places!

Mr Stamp & Mrs Hearn 😊

English

This half term in English, we will be learning about the features of persuasive writing. We will be looking at how advertising is used and creating our own adverts. If you would like to help at home, you could encourage your children to look at the language adverts use to convince you buy or go somewhere, as well as introducing them to any leaflets / brochures to places, as this will help them develop an understanding of what we intend to do!

Maths

In Maths we will be learning to -

- ★ Identify and use decimals
- ★ Multiplying and dividing by 10 & 100 with decimals
- ★ Rounding using decimals
- ★ Calculating using money and converting between pounds and pence

Any practise you can do with your child would help them to make greater progress at school. The easiest way to support them is to look to complete their MyMaths work online and help them to calculate using money when shopping - total cost and change expected.

If your child is inspired by their photography lessons and takes any photos whilst out and about, please do upload to their Seesaw!

Geography and History

We will be learning about counties and using maps to help us find them. We will be looking at the differences between villages, towns and cities and comparing Emsworth with Chichester, looking at the differences between them. We will also be looking at the history of both of the places and researching how they have both changed over time.

HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?

☺ Maths

The governments Multiplication Check for Year 4, is coming up this term so it is just that last little push to keep their minds fresh and prepared for it. Times tables are so vital to so many areas of maths and just practising them every day for a few minutes can make such a difference.

☺ English

By encouraging your child to read every day. Your support with your child's reading makes a huge difference and is fantastic to see! As you are reading with your child, support their understanding of the text by asking them questions such as - What has happened? Why did that happen? Why is a character feeling a particular way?

Please ensure that you sign the reading journal every time that your child reads.

☺ PE

Our PE days are Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday (rounders), so it would be appreciated if the children could come into school with their PE kits and water bottles. On Wednesdays we will be outdoors whenever possible, so your child will need trainers to wear on the field.

Homework: Your child will be set a menu style homework to run throughout the half term. Spellings will be set on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.