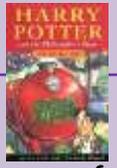


# Heroes of Hogwarts



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term. Our topic for this half term is called Heroes of Hogwarts where we will be focussing on the **magical world** of Harry Potter, as created by J.K. Rowling. In particular we will be focussing on the first book, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. We will be creating our own Harry Potter based computer games using a program called Scratch and creating our own *Mirror of Erised*. I hope this newsletter is helpful and if you have any questions about the learning this half term or if you would like to discuss how you could support your child's learning then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## English

This half term in English, we will be looking at the characters and settings created by J.K. Rowling and using these to create our own. To help, you could watch any of the Harry Potter films at home, focusing on the amazing scenery in and around Hogwarts, as well as asking your child how the characters differ from one another.

## Maths

In Maths we will be focussing on fractions and decimals this half term including -

- \* Finding fractions of amounts
- \* Converting between fractions and decimals
- \* Using tenths and hundredths in a variety of different contexts
- \* Comparing and ordering decimals



## Science

In science we will be learning about 'States of Matter'. We will be learning about solids, liquids and gases and how heat can affect different materials. A website you can visit is: <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/Science/changingmaterials.htm> where you will find different activities to explore.

## HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?

☺ In maths

- **Being able to quickly recall multiplication and division facts makes understanding and working with both fractions and decimals so much easier. By practicing times tables with your child as often as possible. (5 minutes a day will make a huge difference).**
- *The Multiplication Times Table Check is coming up in the Summer Term for Year 4, and the children are required to answer a random set of 25 times tables. They have 6 seconds to answer each question. This is why it is so important that regular practice of their tables (at school and at home) is done to ensure they have a chance of passing. I have been impressed with many of the children who have practiced on Timestables Rockstars weekly, meaning they are ready for the Summer check.*

☺ In English

- By encouraging your child to read **every day**. It is fantastic to see just how many children are already hitting (or so close to) their 100 reads! This will help to develop their vocabulary skills which they can then use in their writing. Please sign in their reading record book each time they read. Please also ensure they bring their reading records to school **daily**.
- Discuss what your child has read with them - What has happened? Why did that happen? Why is a character feeling a particular way?

☺ In PE

- By making sure your child has their PE kits and trainers in school on PE days - for Merlin Class this is Wednesdays and Fridays.

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.