

MERLIN CLASS

AUTUMN TERM

Our first half term was all about endangered animals. The topic was titled '**Here Today, Gone Tomorrow**' and we focused on the 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!



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



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 endangered Snow Leopard, 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. 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 and in our next topic after Christmas was '**Fabulous Fiji**'. We started off the topic by watching the Disney film 'Moana' (Mr Harms' favourite!). This helped us write some fantastic autobiographies as if we were Moana.



During this topic, we also visited Chichester Harbour, who put on a fantastic day of learning. We did lots of different styles of printing, including mono-printing, inspired by traditional Fijian artists.



The rest of the Spring Term suddenly turned **magical**. As we stepped back in to the 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 Patronus, Wands, 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**!



SUMMER TERM

Our first Summer term topic was 'MEET THE GREEKS. Throughout the topic, we learned a great deal about the mythical stories and their beasts. We also created our own Greek vase designs after looking at the history of how and why they were made and why they had such detailed images on them.



Later in 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 Tzatziki, Dates and Taramasalata!

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 doing in PE too this term.



For the final 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 **THREE** trips which was just fantastic. We went to the Thorney Island church to look at the features of a church, which we then compared with other places of worship, including a Mandir.



Our other two 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 and it was also so great to be out on normal school trips again!



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.

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.

Sports Day was enjoyed by everyone in Merlin Class!



SUMMER TERM SPORTS WEEK WAS A BLAST!

We loved the yoga sessions, the skateboarding skills and the hip hop street dancing!

