

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

Merlin Class YR

Term

Autumn 2023

Dear Parents,

This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term. Our overarching themes for the term are 'All about Me!' and 'Seasons and Celebrations'. Below you can find the details outlining the content covered for the different areas of learning within the EYFS for the term ahead.

SUBJECT	CONTENT
Communication and Language & English	Children's communication and language development is integrated across all areas of learning and continuous provision opportunities. This term, we will be introducing phonics skills through our Little Wandle scheme. We will be learning how to recognise sounds and blend these to read short words. Initially, we will focus on recognising initial sounds and will build on our skills to orally segment and blend short words. We will learn how to form our letters correctly and practise this through name writing activities and other opportunities to label and write CVC/CVCC words.
Maths	In maths we will begin with a strong focus on numbers within 6. We will look at the composition of these numbers, including number bonds to 5. Later in the term, we will be using this knowledge to support our explorations of addition and subtraction. By the end of this term, the children will be able to subitise to 5 with increasing confidence and speed. Throughout Autumn we will also be exploring capacity, weight, length and height. We will spend some time looking at patterns and finding and correcting mistakes in patterns.
Physical Development (PE)	The children enjoy yoga sessions on a Tuesday morning. We also have a PE lesson every Wednesday afternoon. During PE, children will learn a variety of balancing, throwing and catching skills. This term, PE will have a focus on team skills and movement.
Understanding the World	To develop our understanding of the World, we will be exploring the natural world by investigating our local area. We will consider past and present by thinking about how we have changed since being a baby and we will discuss different people, cultures and communities through the Somerset AMV Special Me and Special Times units, of course ending with our very special Nativity performance at the end of the term!
Expressive Arts and Design	In music, we will be listening to, learning to sing or sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs. We will also be learning new songs for various celebrations across the term. Craft opportunities will include self-portraits, creating collages and developing our weaving skills.
PSED	We will be following the SCARF units 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'. We will be thinking about how to form positive, kind relationships and how to celebrate diversity and what makes us special!

Hello and Welcome to Merlin Class!

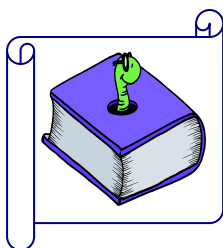
It is always lovely to welcome lots of new faces into the school. I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your families over the next couple of weeks. This term will be very busy with lots of exciting learning experiences for your children - don't forget to look on Tapestry (just being setup at the moment!) or our class page on the website to see what we have been up to! As always, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask myself or the office.

We are all very excited for the year ahead!

Miss Morris, Mrs Hoddinott & Mrs Hewlett

Homework

Homework is collected in on a Wednesday and reissued on a Friday.



Reading

- Encourage your child to recall the letters and sounds learnt so far in phonics.
- Please try to hear your child read **daily** and allow them time to discuss the book.
- Please do try to comment in your child's reading record every time you hear them read - thank you!



Homework

- Please practise forming the letters on the sheets provided in the plastic wallet.
- Children will receive spellings after Christmas.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

PE

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kits on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**.

Outdoor learning

Please can you ensure your child's wellies and waterproof coat/sun hats are in school at all times.