

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

Merlin Class YR

Term

Spring 2025

Dear Parents,

This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term. Our class themes for the term are 'Creatures Big and Small' and 'Terrific Tales!'. Below you can find the details outlining the content covered for the different areas of learning 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. We will continue to follow our phonics scheme, Little Wandle , to extend our phonics knowledge. This term, we will be learning how to form short phrases and sentences with increasing independence towards Easter. We will continue to focus on correct letter formation. The children will be retelling familiar stories both orally and in writing. We will be looking at non-fiction texts to find out more information related to our theme, 'Creatures Big and Small'.
Maths	In maths, we will be diving deep into numbers to 10, including finding number bonds to 5 and 10. We will be looking at the composition of numbers and will apply our addition and subtraction skills to solve number problems. When counting, the children will be introduced to 'teen' numbers. Later in the term, we will be exploring equal and unequal groups and will use mathematical vocabulary to enable us to compare these.
Physical Development (PE)	PE will take place on a Monday morning. During PE, children will learn a variety of different skills. This term, PE will have a focus on dance and gymnastics. The children will learn how to sequence basic movements to develop their balance, agility and co-ordination.
Understanding the World	To develop our understanding of the world, we will be exploring the natural world by learning all about animals, habitats and life cycles. Earlier in the term, the children will be travelling back to the land of dinosaurs and learning all about fossils and key people such as Mary Anning. After the half term the children will be learning about and investigating materials, inspired by the traditional tale, <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> .
Expressive Arts and Design	In music, we will be listening to, learning to sing or singing along to various action songs. We will be finding the pulse of music and discussing its tempo. Our art lessons will be focusing on perfecting our drawing skills by learning to draw various different creatures.
PSED	We will be following the SCARF units 'Keeping Myself Safe' and 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We will be thinking about how to make safe decisions and risk assess danger as well as looking after others and caring for our world.

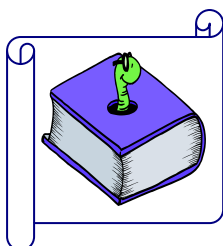
Welcome back, Merlin Class and Happy New Year!

We have another busy term ahead, with lots of fun things for all to look forward to. The term begins with our topic about 'Creatures Big and Small' which will entail lots of fun learning around animals, beginning with our theme on dinosaurs! The second half of the term sees us looking at a variety of different traditional/ fairy tales. I am very much looking forward to seeing Merlin class interpret these tales in their own retellings.

Don't forget to look on Tapestry to see what we get up to!
Miss Morris, Mrs Hoddinott, Mrs Spyrou & Mrs Hewlett

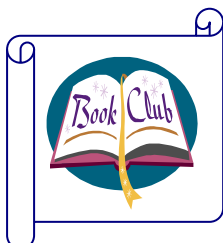
Homework

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. Don't forget you can use the Collins E-Book service to access your child's reading books at home.
- Your child will come home with a phonics sheet each week containing the recent sounds and tricky words taught. Please do look at these often with your child—it really does help their reading fluency!



Homework & Spellings

- Homework is reissued on a **Friday**. Homework given reflects recent classroom learning and intends to consolidate children's understanding of recently taught concepts. Children should return completed homework every **Wednesday** please.
- Children will now be bringing home spellings. Please help your child to read and spell the words. **There will be no spelling test.** We will also be practising these spellings in school throughout the week to support children's confidence at independent spelling. This will support their writing and their ability to segment words to spell. New spelling words will be given every **Friday**, along with the homework.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

PE

Children now change in school for PE. Please can your child bring their named PE kit into school to change into on Mondays. Thank you.

Outdoor learning/Welly Walks

Please can you ensure your child's wellies and waterproof coats are in school at all times.

Clothing

Please can all items of clothing be **clearly named**. This is particularly important now the children are changing for PE in school. Thank you!