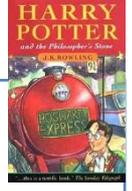


Heroes of Hogwarts



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. 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 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 setting created by J.K. Rowling and using these to create our own.

Maths

In Maths we will be learning -

- * To convert between decimals and fractions
- * To solve word problems using decimal numbers including using money
- * Read time on analogue and digital clocks
- * Carry out calculations involving time

Any practice you can do with your child at home would be much appreciated and will probably mean they make greater progress in school.

Science

In science we will be learning about animals including humans. In particular we will be looking at our digestive system and teeth. A website you can visit is: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z27kng8> where you will find different activities and videos to explore.

HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?

☺ In maths

- By practicing times tables with your child as often as possible. (5 minutes a day will make a huge difference).
- In addition, keep practising using the inverse of the multiplications they are learning so knowing that $25 \div 5 = 5$
- Helping your child with telling the time, discussing what time it is (on analogue and digital clocks) and how long things take.

☺ In English

- By encouraging your child to read **every day**. This will help to develop their vocabulary and language 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 record books to school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Discuss what your child has read with them - What has happened? Why did that happen? Why is a character feeling a particular way?
- Encouraging your children to write stories and use their imaginations.

☺ In PE

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

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.