



# Merlin Class

Autumn Term 1 2023

## Here Today – Gone Tomorrow?



Welcome back and welcome to **Merlin Class**! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. Our topic for this half term is called '**Here Today, Gone Tomorrow?**'

We will be learning about animals, their habitats, the problems that some of these animals are facing and what we can do to help.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns about your child or if you simply just want to introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you and teaching your children throughout this year.

Below is some information about what your child will be learning this half term.

Mr Stamp 😊

### Maths

This half term we will be learning to:

- Work with 4-digit numbers; identifying them, understanding them, ordering, comparing and estimating them.
- Round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.
- Use formal methods of addition and subtraction.

#### How can I help at home?

By practicing times tables with your child as often as possible. **By the end of the year they need to know the multiplication and division facts up to 12x12** (5 minutes practise each day will make a huge difference. *Minute Games & Time Table Rock Stars are fabulous ways to practice!*).

### English

This half term in English, we will be using **Dragon Post** by Emma Yarlett to write letters; imagining we have become owners of endangered animals and looking for advice on how best to look after them. Towards the end of this half term, we will be using our knowledge of endangered animals to write instructions on how to do this.

We will be focussing on the vocabulary and structure of non-fiction writing, building on the skills learnt last year.

#### How can I help at home?

By reading non-fiction books. *Watching any animal documentaries to build subject knowledge, such as Deadly 60 or any of David Attenborough's brilliant programmes.* By encouraging your child to read **every day**.

### Science

In science we will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats'. We will be learning about how to classify living things and what threats some living things face. We will also be going on a school trip to Marwell Zoo as part of our learning! A letter will be sent home with further information about this.

### Geography

We will be looking at the **climate zones** around the world as well as looking at some of the animals and plants that live there.



### PE Kits

PE is going to be outdoors this half term and will be taught on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school **at all times**, including suitable footwear.



### Homework

This will be in a menu style format and will be sent home with your child. New spellings will go home each Friday and your child will be tested on the following Friday.

Your child should also spend 5 - 10 minutes reading and practicing times tables, daily.