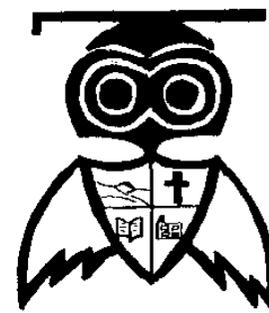


How you can help your child:

- Homework: This will still be given on a Monday and Friday.
- Monday's homework will involve spellings.
- Friday's homework will be a mixture of activities.
- Please help your child to keep track of what homework they have and not to leave it until the weekend when a lot of children are very busy.
- Please try to hear your child read and talk about their books.
- They will be heard to read at school during guided reading and where necessary 1:1.
- PE will be on a THURSDAY morning with PAS. Children will need full kit in school for the whole term.
- Please could children not wear football shirts as part of their PE kit. The children should have a t-shirt and shorts for inside activities but NOT pumps. When PE is outside please could the children have warmer clothes e.g. sweatshirt/hoodie/joggers and trainers (converse are not suitable footwear). Many thanks.
- If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to pop in or phone.

St Luke's Primary School Curriculum Information



Merlin Class

What's in the box?

Maths



Throughout this term we will continue to use our mathematical knowledge and understanding.

We will be applying our Maths to more investigations and looking at how Maths is used in everyday situations. This will take the format of using spreadsheets to design a theme park! The children will then have to use concepts of budgets, profits and expenditure.

Science



In science the children will be learning about the classification of living things. This will include work on the five kingdoms that all living things are sorted into. The children will develop their own systems of classification and use keys to identify insects, plants and trees.

The children are going to develop their own investigations in order to extend their knowledge of plants and organisms. They will have to form their own hypotheses and conduct their investigation using fair testing.

In the recording of their work, the children will produce scientific reports, which will include using accurate scientific diagrams and symbols.

We will also be learning about life cycles. This will include human sexual reproduction and pregnancy.

Physical Development

The class will continue to have PAS on a Thursday. Another PE session will take place during the week, so it is essential that children have a full kit in school all the time.

This term we will focus on athletics, games and rounders.



English:



The children will continue this term to apply all their English writing skills to a variety of genres. We will be using 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan to inspire us. We will also be basing some of our work on the book Kensukes Kingdom by Michael Murpurgo. This novel is used as a basis for transition work to take to their new schools.

This term sees our year 5/6 production being performed. This enables the children to develop their drama skills.

Knowledge and understanding of the world:



As part of this term's theme the children will have plenty of opportunities to extend their knowledge and understanding of the world. In particular we will be looking at how the Mayan civilisation has influenced the western world.

The children will be finding out about the artists that have been influenced by nature eg William Morris, Georgia O Keefe etc. We will be looking at botanical drawings and try to replicate our own by studying in detail plants and flowers. The children will be using a variety of media to replicate and develop their artwork eg clay, textiles etc.

In geography the children will be looking at physical geography eg climates, biomes etc.

In design technology Merlins will be using cams and pulleys to create fairground rides/cars. We will also be creating our own marble runs as part of a STEM project for Manchester University.

In computing we will be using coding to create our own programs as well as creating our own animations based on scenarios. The class will continue to be reminded of how to stay safe when using the internet.

