



This term we are going to be looking at **MAGIC!** There are going to be some great quick builds from wizards to fairytale creatures!

During the second half of the club, the children like to join worlds on the router provided to work in teams on a long build project. This build may span several weeks so it is important that the children get the same tablet each week. Although we have suggested some long build ideas for each week, feel free to jiggle things around or even come up with your own.

The main thing is that the quick builds are done as described on the correct week as this forms the basis of the inter school competition where your school can earn points for the national leaderboard.

### The Quick Builds

The first half of the club is usually taken up with the quick build. The **Fabretta/Jay** videos can be used directly from **Youtube** each week or downloaded from **Dropbox** if that is easier. **Fabretta** and **Jay** will cover the basic learning objectives each week along with the rules for the club and a timed quick build for the children to work along with.

Usually the teacher will choose the best from each table and get the children to show their creations at the front. The rest of the children can then vote for who they want to win. You should then take a photo (screenshot) of this with your phone and upload it to our website to enter the weekly competition. Just go to your 'my club' page at <https://www.milittlepad.com/myclub> and log in as normal. Click the big green button to upload your build.



## 1. MAGICIANS

Magic, we've seen it in television programmes, films and we've read all about it in books. We visit magic shows and performances and even have a go at magic tricks ourselves. Can you do any tricks?

There are many famous magicians like Harry Houdini who was renowned for his illusion and escape acts. He could escape from chains and even a straitjacket underwater! More recently, Derren Brown and Dynamo have been capturing our imaginations by appearing to control minds and walking alongside buses and buildings!

If you're very good at magic, you're invited to join the Magic Circle; a secretive society dedicated to keeping magic at the heart of entertainment.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Performing magic isn't just a recent form of entertainment- the very first conjuring act was reported to have taken place in 2700 BC in ancient Egypt! Throughout the medieval era many royal courts in England employed performers, known as court jesters, to entertain the monarch and their guests. This included singing, dancing, comedy and magic tricks!



### **This week's quick build is.....A COURT JESTER!**

Remember to include a bright and colourful costume and perhaps add some jingly bells on their hat!

### LONG BUILD

Why not create a school of magic? You could include a ginormous hall where you can socialise and eat all manner of strange foods!

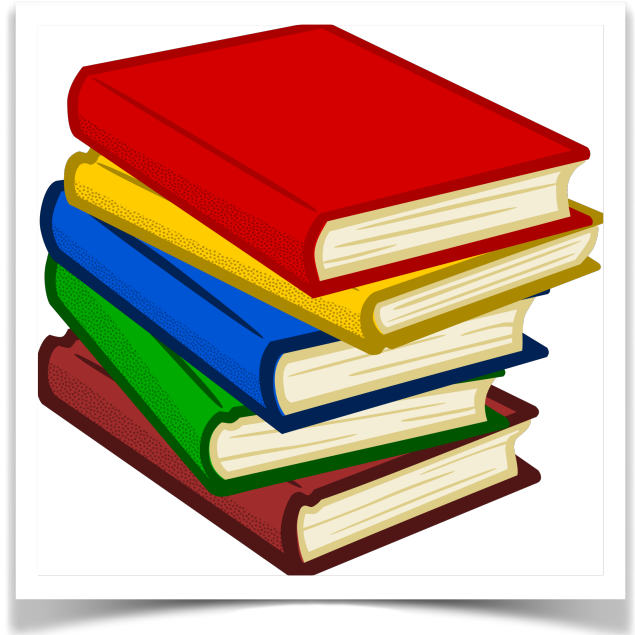
## 2. WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is day of celebrating reading and books and first took place in 1995. It was started to encourage reading and to celebrate the huge variety of books out there. It is now observed by over 100 countries all over the world!

Here in the UK we celebrate World Book Day on the first Thursday in March but many countries celebrate it on the 23rd of April. This is because it is thought of being quite a symbolic date in the literature world as many famous authors, like William Shakespeare, died on this date.

World Book Day is a fantastic opportunity to dress up as your favourite character from a book. Some people dress as Harry Potter or Hermione, others go as Alice from 'Alice in Wonderland' and some people even go as Wally from 'Where's Wally'!

It's a great day to be creative and enjoy learning all about books and the magic of reading.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Around 130 million books have been published in the world! From magical mysteries and thrillers to biographies, poetry and romance, there is something for everybody. China publishes the highest number of books each year with an estimated 440,000 closely followed by the USA with 305,000 and the UK with 184,000!

**This week's quick build is...YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER!**

### LONG BUILD

Carry on working on your magical school! Why not include somewhere to practice flying? You're going to need a lot of space and somewhere soft to land!

### 3. MYTHS AND LEGENDS 1

Magic is littered throughout our British myths and legends and one of the most famous and magical tales is that of King Arthur and the Round Table.

King Arthur was a legendary English king who lived in a place called Camelot with knights who met at The Round Table. Before he became king, Arthur had to pull a sword out of the stone which had been placed there by Merlin, a very wise magician who had previously advised his father, Uther Pendragon.

Merlin continued to support Arthur throughout his reign and helped him to discover the magical sword, Excalibur, which he obtained from the Lady of the Lake. Excalibur helped him to win many battles and beat many foes throughout his reign.

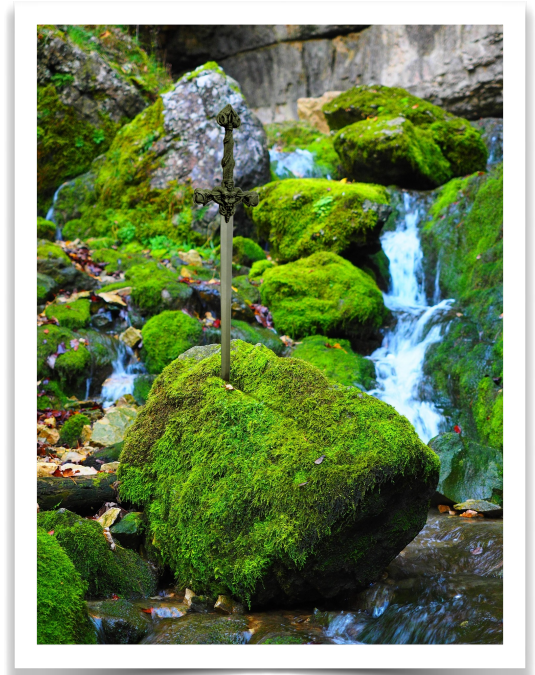
#### DID YOU KNOW?

Merlin is a fascinating figure in British history and legends and he has appeared in many different forms and in many different eras. Sometimes he is described as being a young boy and sometimes he is a wizened old man with a pointy hat!

**This week's quick build is...A WIZARD!**

#### LONG BUILD

Carry on working on your magical school! Why not create a classroom ready for you to concoct some fabulous potions or transform things into animals?



#### 4. MAGICAL CREATURES 1 - OF THE AIR AND EARTH

Much like Merlin, magical creatures can be found throughout folklore and mythology and continue to be written about today. Can you think of any?

There are so many different creatures so today we're going to be looking at those associated with the air and of the earth.

Fairies are one of the most popular and well known magical creatures associated with the air. They are often depicted as little people with wings fluttering around and sitting on toadstools. A popular activity is making fairy doors for trees and dressing up as them. Have you ever been a fairy?



The Hippogriff is another magical creature of the air and has appeared in some very popular books and films! Hippogriffs have the wings, front legs and head of a giant eagle and the tail and hind legs of a horse. They are thought to be a symbol of an impossible thing and can fly through the air faster than lightning!



Creatures of the air are very exciting but so are creatures of the earth, things like gnomes! Gnomes first appeared in literature in the 16th century and have remained there ever since. They are often depicted as being small, guarding mines and far uglier than elves!

From tiny creatures to tall creatures...ogres! They are mean and ugly, have huge wobbly heads, big bodies and like to eat people!

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Some people go out of their way to protect magical creatures. One man in Ireland had an entire proposed road moved so it didn't interfere with a bush popular with fairies!

**This week's quick build is.....A MAGICAL AIR OR EARTH CREATURE!**

#### **LONG BUILD**

Carry on working on your magical school! Why not create a nearby village for you to visit? You could mine secret tunnels from your school!

## 5. MAGICAL CREATURES 2 - OF FIRE AND WATER

Last week we looked at magical creatures of the air and the earth so this week we're looking at two other elements- fire and water!

One very popular creature of fire is the dragon! Dragons appear in myths and legends around the world and come in many different forms. Sometimes they have four legs, sometimes they have none, some have wings, some have horns and breathe fire and some have all of these things! In Eastern cultures, they are often described as being very very intelligent.



Another fire creature is the phoenix, a great fiery bird capable of regenerating. Different tales describe the phoenix in different ways but it is generally thought to arise from the ashes, born again. The phoenix is likely to have originated in ancient Egypt and is often associated with ideas of renewal and time.

Water creatures are very popular in books and films, mermaids especially. These wonderful magical beings have the lower body of a fish and the upper body and head of a female human.



The male equivalent is a merman. Mermaids are common throughout fairy tales and folklore all over the world and whilst there have been no concrete sightings, sightings are still reported to this day!

The kraken is another popular water creature. It is described as being a huge squid like sea monster living off the coast of Norway! They are often associated with the formation of new islets and undersea volcanic activity. Sightings have been reported since the 13th century though it could be that they'd seen the giant squid or whales!

**This week's quick build is.....A MAGICAL AIR OR EARTH CREATURE!**

### LONG BUILD

Why not keep working on your village? You could add some shops to buy all your magical things!

## 6. MYTHS AND LEGENDS 2

It's not just Britain with myths and legends, other countries have some really interesting ones too. Greek myths and legends are very popular with tales like Medusa and the Cyclops. Medusa was a giant gorgon, a winged female human with poisonous snakes for hair. If you looked at her face you would turn to stone! She was beheaded by Perseus who then used her face to turn his enemies to stone.

If we venture a little closer to home, Iceland has some very interesting myths and legends, one of those being the tale of Reynisfjara. Just by the black sand beach of Vik stand three towering basalt rock formations sticking up out of the sea and according to Icelandic folklore, they are trolls. Now trolls are night creatures and are turned to stone in the sunlight if they don't hide from it! The story says that the trolls were trying to drag three ships in for a tasty snack when they forgot about the sunrise and were caught by the rays of the sun, turning them to stone!



### DID YOU KNOW

Trolls aren't the only mythical creatures featuring heavily in Icelandic culture, elves do too! Reykjavik is the capital of Iceland but it also thought to be the elf capital of the country and there is even a 3 hour course to learn all about their culture. If you visit Iceland, be careful to look for little wooden elf houses called álfhól!

**This week's quick build is...MEDUSA OR A TROLL!**

### LONG BUILD

For the long build, return to your magical school and build a place for your magical creatures!

## 7. FAIRY TALES

Fairy tales are very popular short stories with many films based on them. Can you name any?

They usually feature magical creatures like dragons and elves and happy wonderfully happy endings. Magic is a very popular theme with many including talking animals. In fact, it is often believed that it is the magical element of these stories which distinguishes them from “folklore” tales!



Fairy tales generally come from stories passed down through the ages from different European cultures and continue to remain popular to this day.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Hans Christian Anderson is a very well known fairy tale author with many of his tales having been given the film treatment. These include ‘The Ugly Duckling’, ‘The Little Mermaid’ and even ‘Frozen’!

**This week’s quick build is.....YOUR FAVOURITE FAIRY TALE CHARACTER!**

### LONG BUILD

This is your last week working on your magic school. Why not add a secret room or passageway or even a creepy forest full of magical creatures?