Milverton Community Primary and Pre-School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you back to school, the Year 5/6 'Bubble' and the start of the new academic year. The children are settling in really well and adjusting to the 'new normal'. We know that this has been a tricky time for some but we can assure you that all the children are making a real effort to follow the new regime in order for everyone to feel safe.

As you know, there have been many changes. We would like to take this opportunity to let you know of some of the ones in the Year 5/6 bubble.

- Returned reading books should be placed in 'quarantine' in the blue box in the classroom ready for a member of staff to return them to the class libraries (if you have any remaining books from lockdown, please can these be returned as soon as possible).
- Children who are not yet free reading will be given a selection of reading books for the week on a Monday which should be returned on a Friday.
- All children must have a drinks bottle in school as we are unable to provide them with one in class.
- Children must not bring pencil cases, however we would appreciate if the children could bring with them a small selection of coloured pencils from home to keep in their stationery bag.
- Your child is also welcome to have their own small bottle of hand sanitizer if they wish which can be kept on their desk.
- We would appreciate if all children could have a small pack of tissues in school in order to catch coughs and sneezes.
- As the temperature changes, please make sure that your child has enough layers under their school uniform.

We have been busy over the summer break planning our new quest for this term called 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We have planned a variety of learning experiences that are categorised on the attached Quest coverage leaflet. Some of the sessions will be team taught in our bubble and some of the sessions will be as year groups. The core subjects of English and Maths will be taught as usual in year groups as will subjects such as PE, PSHCE and RE (locally agreed syllabus).

We believe that homework is still a very important part of every child's education. It allows children to become better at managing their time, improving their self-discipline and benefitting from the experiences from you the parents. The homework for both Class 5 and Class 6 this term is as follows:

Reading: The children are also expected to continue their fantastic reading efforts by reading at least 4 times a week to an adult. Reading record folders are checked on Monday mornings but need to be in school every day please.

Spellings: These will be set on a Monday and tested on the Friday. The words will consist of the weekly spelling pattern taught in class and a small number of age related statutory words. Spellings will be distributed via ParentMail on a Monday. Your child will be informed which/how many spellings to learn. Your help with this is much appreciated.







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Maths: An activity will be set using MyMaths on Thursday and will need to be completed by the following Tuesday. This gives ample opportunity for the children to ask for help here at school if they need it. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions we are unable to offer sessions to children in the computer suite here at school to complete their MyMaths homework. MyMaths consists of two distinct activities. Firstly the lesson which will build knowledge and understanding and skills that the child will need for the second part of the home learning. They will need to apply what they have learnt in the online lesson, and from what they have learnt in school, to complete the online homework task. Both should be completed please.

In this current situation we can not meet face-to-face unless it is urgent. If it is urgent, then an appointment can be made via the school office email. It has been decided that the class email accounts that were introduced during lockdown will stay as a method of communication. If it is non-urgent, please use this method of communicating with us. We will endeavour to respond to any emails within 2 working days. The intended purpose of these accounts is to maintain our parent/teacher relationship and level of support for the best interests of your child. We thank you in advance for using these accounts appropriately. If you need to communicate with our SENCO, Mrs Kate Lewis, then please use the SEN email below.

Class 5: class5.sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk Class 6: class6.sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk SEN: sen.sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Many thanks for your on-going support. We are looking forward to a fantastic year.

Best wishes,

Miss Brown and Mr Coupe







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