

Milverton Community Primary School and Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first week we have all had! The children have settled into school life and shown real passion and enthusiasm for learning. They have started to make good friendships and show care and concern for all the children and adults in our class. This week, as the children have been leaving earlier, pick up has been from the main gate. However, from Monday, please pick up your child at their allocated time, following the whole school one-way system. Please use this link as a reminder of our end of the day routine. https://youtu.be/Sud_ZlfhZcs The end of the day times are:

| Surname starts with: | Pre-school | School |
|----------------------|------------|--------|
| A – G | 2.50pm | 3pm |
| H – M | 3pm | 3.10pm |
| N - Z | 3.10pm | 3.20pm |

The whole school quest for this term is 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We use this to inspire children to try new experiences, learn new skills and find out new facts. We will be learning about different types of animals, from those in our own homes to those who live in jungles, under the sea and in our beautiful school grounds. We will find out about their habitats as well as exploring camouflage, nocturnal creatures and animals that hibernate. We will use our quest to explore number, practical addition and subtraction as well as pattern, shape and measurements. We will think about how we care for animals around the World from the largest to smallest creatures. We will look at the sounds letters make and blend and segment them to help us read and write. We will be looking closely at traditional stories with animals such as The 3 Little Pigs and The 3 Billy Goats Gruff as well as stories by our author of the term Julia Donaldson. We will encourage the children to join in with the repeated refrains and act out the stories – changing parts to make the story their own. We will also be working on strengthening our gross and fine motor skills and beginning to form letters correctly. What a busy term we have ahead!

Some extra information:

We would love to celebrate the children's WOW moments from home as they provide a real insight into the children's lives outside of school and their skills and development. Please can we encourage you to share these with us as much as possible by emailing them to use using the Class R address below.

Reading

At Milverton, we are passionate about reading and want to encourage our children to share this passion and to enjoy reading their books. We also know that reading is a pivotal part of the curriculum; therefore, it is important that your child tries to read a little every day. Initially, your child will be sent home with a selection of word flashcards to practise reading at home with you. We will send home a new set when we



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feel that your child is confidently reading their previous ones. Flashcards are for you to keep at home and do not need to be returned to school. Once we have taught all the initial phonemes in class, children will begin to bring home reading books. A selection of books will be given to your child on a Monday. The reading log and books will then need to be handed in on the Friday morning of that week and will be left in school over the weekend. Please make sure that your child brings in their reading log and books each day so that we can listen to them read in school.

Keeping in touch

This year, we have a Class R email address available for Class related queries. We will monitor this as often as possible, though please be aware that as we will be working with the children throughout the school day, this may not be replied to for 24 hours. If your message is urgent, please send it to the School Office mailbox, where we will be notified of it during the school day. The school office email should also be your first point of call for general queries and information regarding pick up and drop off, or any medical needs.

Our Class email address: classr.sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk

School Office address: office@milvertonprimary.co.uk

For any Special Educational Needs (SEND) queries, please contact Mrs Lewis on:
send.sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Self-Isolation & Home Learning

In Class R, if your child has to self-isolate and cannot attend school, please look at the resources to below to provide your home learning opportunities.

Literacy

Click on the link below and choose 'Literacy'. Then choose a story to share and learn about with your child.
<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/early-years-foundation-stage>

Maths

Click on the link below and follow the lessons for the 'Current Week'.
<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>

Quest

Click on the link below and choose 'Understanding the World'. Then choose a set of 'All About Me' lessons to follow.
<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/early-years-foundation-stage>

Please see the Class R Webpage on the School Website for further information and resources.

We really appreciate you working alongside us to help your children have a fantastic start to their school career and look forward to a fun-filled year ahead.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Lewis