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We Care. We Aspire. We Belong

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Class 1! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are now ready for a fun and busy Autumn Term ahead. We will endeavour to make the transition from Class R to Class 1 as smooth as possible and many of the routines that were in place last year will continue. We are both looking forward to the year ahead, and Mrs Lewis is thrilled that she gets to continuing your child's learning journey with you all.

This term our whole school quest is '**Pioneers**'. We have planned a variety of learning experiences that are on the attached quest overview. We will cover a range of curriculum areas including, music, art, DT, geography and history as well as the core subjects of English, maths and science. Florence Nightingale and David Attenborough are some of our pioneers. '**We aspire**' is one of our school values. Any parents who have aspired and reached their aspirations (or are continuing on their aspirational journey, particularly with medicine or the natural world) and would like to share these with the class, please contact us via the class email.

Reading

In class 1 we are passionate about reading and want to encourage our children to share this passion and to enjoy reading their books. We also believe that reading is a pivotal part of the curriculum; therefore, it is important that your child tries to read a little every day. This will form a major part of your home learning. Your child will have a yellow reading log for you to record the reading that you share with your child. Please can you ensure that your child brings it to school every day, as we will also be hearing your child read during the school day. We will change your child's reading books on a Monday and Friday. Please can we encourage you to listen to your child read each book several times to develop their fluency and comprehension. These are the two main elements to developing as a reader which we encourage you to support your child with. Focusing on fluency with your child enables them to develop their ability to read words and sentences without sounding out, which makes their reading flow and helps aid their understanding. It is also essential to develop their comprehension of what they are reading to ensure they understand the language used and expand their vocabulary. As the term develops we will send home a range of comprehension activities for you and your child to complete together to support their reading development.

Phonics and spellings

The children will continue to learn phonics every morning to support their reading and writing skills. As we develop as learners, we will give your child a set of spelling to learn each week, which are linked to the work we have completed in phonic sessions.



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Milverton School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils and expects all staff and parents to share this commitment.

Additional Year 1 Common Exception Words (CEWs) will also be added throughout the year. A list of the Year 1 CEWs will be sent home. The expectation is that your child can read and spell most of these words by the end of Year 1. The children will have new spellings introduced every Friday and these will be emailed to you for the children to work in during the week at home. The children will be tested on how we spell these words every Friday. Please can we encourage you to support you child with learning these spellings in fun playful ways, such as rainbow writing, using chalk or paint, building them using magnetic letters or maybe even writing in a tray of flour or making the letters using playdough.

PE

In Class 1, PE sessions will be on a *Tuesday and Friday*. We will also complete some golden mile running at other times in the week, so please make sure that your child has their PE kit is labelled and in school every day.

Forest School

This term Class 1 have their forest school session on the mornings of Wednesday 13th October and Wednesday 15th December.

Coats and water bottles

We take the children out to play as often as we can, even in rainy weather, so please can you ensure they bring a coat to school every day. We encourage children to drink plenty of water during the day so can they bring in their own named water bottle to drink from.

Communication

Communication will continue to be online via the class email addresses or ParentMail.

We hope you find this information useful and we look forward to an enjoyable term with the children.

Best wishes,

Kate Lewis and Vanessa MacCormick

