

Milverton Community Primary and Pre-School

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We Care. We Aspire. We Belong

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Class 1. We have already had an amazing start to the term; the children are happy and excited. The change from Reception to Class 1 is a big step, and I am mindful to make this as fun and gentle as we can. We will start with short bursts of learning, allowing the children to get used to routines and expectations while still having plenty of own learning time.

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, PE, geography and history as well as the core subjects of english, maths and science. Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and David Attenborough are some of our pioneers.

Reading

Learning to read is so important and will help your child to become an independent learner. We read and share lots of stories with the children. We really want children to enjoy reading and become passionate readers.

We would ask you to listen to your child read ideally every day, but at the minimum four times a week. Little and often works well with this age group. Please record their reading in their yellow reading records – initial and indicate next page. Please send in their reading book and record books in every day.

It is so important that children understand what they are reading. This can be difficult for them on the first read of a book when they are using their phonics to blend sounds. They need your support and guidance to reread a sentence, page or book to develop their fluency and comprehension.

We will introduce weekly spellings later in the year.

Maths

As well as helping with the maths subjects listed in the Quest document, you can help your child at home by taking opportunities to count and correct any confusions, for example the difference between 13 and 31 and saying them correctly. We continue to practise writing the digits the correct way round and this is something you could encourage at home.

Writing and handwriting

You can support your child by providing paper and writing materials at home for them to explore. If they want to write, that would be brilliant, but I would suggest you allow them to write freely without correcting their punctuation or grammar at this stage. Encouraging correct letter orientation and formation would be appropriate. If they find the mechanics of holding a pencil and writing tricky, any activities which require using fingers will help build muscle. For example, using peg boards, colouring in the lines, threading beads or placing 'Hama' beads.



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Gold Award**
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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.

PE

In Class 1, PE sessions will be on a *Wednesday and Thursday*. If possible, please leave their PE kits in school.

Forest School

This term Class 1 will have forest school session on Thursday 23rd October.

Coats, wellies and water bottles

We will use the outside areas in our lovely school as much as possible so please **send in some wellies** we can keep at school. The weather is very unpredictable, and it would be best if they could bring **a coat/jacket everyday** so we can make the most of the outside spaces. We encourage children to drink plenty of water during the day so can they bring in their own named water bottle.

Communication

If you would like to talk to me, the best time is usually at the end of the day once the children have been released, or you can contact me via the class email address.

I hope you find this information useful and we look forward to a great year together.
Best wishes,

Janie Boullin
and the team – Mr Lee, Miss Davy, Mrs Egerton, Mrs Culter and Miss Storey

