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We Care. We Aspire. We Belong

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Class 1. 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 of routines and expectations while still having own learning time.

Reading

Learning to read is so important and will help them to become independent learners. We read and share lots of stories to 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. Please send in their reading book and record book 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 you support and guidance to reread to develop their fluency and comprehension.

Maths

You can help your child with at home: counting and reading to 20 (and beyond, for example house numbers), counting forward and backwards from any number up to 20. Counting in 10s, 2s and 5s. We will 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.

PE

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

Eco-Schools

Artsmark Gold Award Awarded by Arts Council England

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

Forest School

This term Class 1 will have forest school session on Thursday 15th October and Thursday 17th December.

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 to drink from.

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 office / office email.

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

Janie Boullin