

# Milverton Community Primary and Pre-School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class 1! The year ahead looks great, filled with exciting learning opportunities. We are committed to making the transition into Year 1 as smooth as possible and, as such, the start of the year will look very similar to their reception year, despite the interruption last year. As the year progresses, changes will be gradually made to these routines to encompass the expected learning outcomes of your child.

This term our quest is All Creatures Great and Small and we will be covering lots of geography, music, art and history alongside our core subjects.

## Adults in Year 1

The children will be taught by Mrs McDonagh on Mondays and Tuesdays and by Mrs Atterton on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; We are incredibly lucky to be joined this year by Mrs Edgerton, Miss Davy and Mrs Pyne. Mrs Cutler will teach the children for an hour on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and will cover computing and RE.

## Reading and phonics

As in reception the children will learn phonics every morning to support their reading and writing progress. We aim to hear the children read during the week but ask parents to support us in hearing children read their school books at home. The expectation is for children to read to an adult 4 times a week. Just 10 minutes each time really does make a huge difference. Your child will be sent home with their reading books on a Monday and needs to return them to class on Friday morning; this is to enable them to be left over the weekend before a member of staff changes them. Although your child is coming home with three books, there is not an expectation that they read all of them over the week. Please go with what works for your child while ensuring they read to you regularly. If they would like to read over the weekend we encourage them to look at books you might have at home or access [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) where there is a wealth of content.

## Homework/Spellings

Your child will bring home a high frequency word list for them to practise along with weekly spellings. Spellings will be e-mailed home on a Monday and the children will be tested on them on a Friday. Please support them with practising these and ensuring they understand all the words.

## Contact

Contact between parents and teachers will look a little different this year. We recognise the importance of a strong partnership between us and you and that we need to work as a team more than ever. Our class e-mail addresses will remain in use this year and can be used for any urgent enquiries or messages you might



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have. We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible but ask you to recognise that, whilst teaching, it can get quite busy and bear with us. Our class e-mail address is:  
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### **Home Learning**

Should your child be unwell and/or off school during this term home learning is available. You will find full information on this on the school website.

Please find attached our curriculum overview for our 'All Creatures Great and Small' quest.

We look forward to an exciting and fun term!

Yours sincerely  
Class 1 Team