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Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been lovely to welcome your children back. We have a fun and busy Spring Term ahead and we are really looking forward to continuing your child's learning journey with them.

This term our quest is '**The four nations of the U.K.** We have planned a variety of learning experiences including a history workshop about Mary Anning and her fossil discoveries. We will link our learning of the U.K. through Geography, History, Art, DT and music. In DT we will be doing cooking. If there are certain foods your child cannot eat, please let us know.

Reading

We will continue to have daily phonics sessions to support children's reading and writing. We also share lots of stories with the children during the day and talk about what we are reading and ask comprehension questions. Please aim to read with your child at least four times a week for 10 minutes.

Your child's reading books will continued to be changed on a Monday and Friday. Please make sure that your child brings in their reading log and books to school **each day** so that we can listen to them read in school. It is important that children have the opportunity to read these books more than once to help develop their reading fluency. As they become more familiar with the content of the book, so they will read with greater confidence and expression

Spellings

During this half-term, we plan start to give spellings each week, these will be linked to the work we have completed in phonic sessions. Additional Year 1 Common Exception Words and Year 1 High Frequency words will also be added throughout the year. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and checked on the following Friday, you will find the spellings in the reading log book. Please support your child to learning their spellings. We will send out a parent mail when we start giving out spellings.

Maths

As well as helping with the maths subjects listed in the Quest document, you can help your child with at home: counting to 100, reading numbers up to 100, counting forward and backwards from any number up to 100. Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We continue to practise writing the digits the correct way round and this is something you could encourage at home.



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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.

Writing and handwriting

We would encourage you to provide paper and pencils at home for writing. It's been lovely to hear how many children enjoy writing at home. At this point, the children should be encouraged to write in full sentences with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full-stop. Their spelling is mostly phonetic at this stage. In class, we practise handwriting every day. It would be helpful at home if any letters still being formed incorrectly are highlighted and the correct formation is shown.

PE

In Class 1, PE sessions will continue to be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Occasionally the Wednesday session is moved to a Friday.

Forest School

This term class 1 have forest school on **Wednesday 5th March.**

Coats, Wellies and water bottles

We take the children out outside in most weather so please can they have a coat every day and if possible, leave spare wellies at school. It is so helpful if all items are named. Please provide your child with a bottle of water every day.

Communication

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

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

Best wishes,

Ms Boullin and Mrs Cutler

