

# Milverton Community Primary and Pre-School

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! The children are settling back into school routine. 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 'Marvelous Mexico'. You can read more about our learning this term from the attached quest document.

## Reading

Please support your child's reading progress by reading regularly at home. Rereading sentences or whole books is important to help with fluency and comprehension. To develop comprehension, you could ask questions such as: What do you think will happen next? Who is the main character? What does xxxx mean? Can you think of another word that means the same as xxxx? Can you order the events in the story? What happened first xx or yy? What was the problem? How was it solved?

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.

## 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. Learning all the number bonds to 5, 10 and 20. We continue to practise writing the digits the correct way round and this is something you could encourage at home.

## 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.



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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

PE sessions will continue to be on a Wednesday and Thursday.

## Forest School

The next session will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## Spare clothes

As the children go out to play in all weathers, it would be helpful if they have spare socks/tights in case they get wet.

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

Best wishes,

Ms Boullin, Mr Lee, Mrs Cutler and Miss Davy.

