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15th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you and your family have all managed to have a great summer and a restful break. Mrs Brierley, Miss Hendy and Miss Storey and I are looking forward to the new term ahead.

I have been busy over the summer planning our Quest for Class 5. This quest has a large focus on history (The Battle of Britain and WW2), however, there are also a variety of enjoyable cross-curricular learning experiences planned, which I have outlined on the attached Quest coverage leaflet. Alongside this Quest learning, the core subjects of English and Maths will be taught as will subjects such as PE, PSHE, RE (locally agreed syllabus) and music.

As you probably know, your child has been allocated a class Chromebook to use and look after this year. We use Google Classroom and Google Drive in class to allocate all sorts of learning resources, material and assignments. The children will also use it for presenting and publishing learning. Thank you for supporting your child as they have carried out their mission this week to try and access Google Classroom from home. We very nearly have the whole class sorted. If you still have any problems, please do contact me. We will also be teaching more about staying safe online.

We are planning trips out and visitors in. More information about these will follow in due course.

Homework

Class 5's homework will continue as before:

- The children will have spellings set on a Monday which are due in on the following Monday. We will be using Google Classroom for spelling homework, however we can provide a paper copy of your child's spellings, should you request them. Spellings will also be reviewed on Mondays.
- An activity on MyMaths (set on a Monday and due in on the following Monday - giving lots of time for children to firstly complete the online lesson, to ask for help if it is then needed and/or use their school Chromebook, in their own time, if technology is an issue at home). We encourage all children to 'be the best that they can be' and therefore aim for 'green' which is 80% or higher. Please note that the children are able to save their MyMaths homework and can therefore 'pick up from where they have left off' previously.
- The children are also expected to continue their reading efforts by reading at least 4 times a week to an adult at home who can ask them searching questions. Reading record folders are checked on Monday mornings but need to be in school every day please.
- Times tables are reviewed each Friday and the children complete 'speed tables'. Please ask your child to share with you their progress and they can show you their scores in their reading record.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support with your child's homework. Education is a very important partnership between home and school. I know home-learning is still an area of discussion and everyone has an opinion about it. However, it continues to be a valuable part of consolidation and on-going development of your child here at Milverton. We actually set very little home-learning but we do link it specifically to the learning experiences in class. We would like it to become part of the routine your child has daily and weekly. We will continue to award house points for homework that is completed.



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PE

Please would you help to ensure that your child has their named PE kit in school with them all week. Our PE lesson days will be Monday and Thursday and there will be some additional outdoor sessions on Tuesdays throughout this term. If your child has recently had their ears pierced they must wear only studs to school and be able to take them out for PE. If this is not possible, parents must supply them with surgical tape. The studs must be covered with the tape in order to prevent them from being caught and ripped out during PE.

Key dates

Forest school – Wednesday 20th September and Wednesday 22nd November.

Harvest Festival at St. Michael's Church - Friday 6th October

Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December

Christmas Service at St. Michael's Church – Friday 15th December

Trips and visits TBA

Messages

Please do get in touch if you have any queries:

If your child is being collected by somebody different, or you have an urgent, important message please email this information through to the school office – office@milvertonprimary.co.uk .

If you need to contact me regarding learning, please use the class email. I will endeavour to respond to emails within 48 hours.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Best wishes,

Peter Coupe



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