

Milverton Community Primary and Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start we have had to the school year! The children have settled beautifully into school life and have already shown great enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience. They are beginning to form positive friendships, develop their independence and build strong relationships with both adults and their classmates. We have enjoyed exploring our classroom, outdoor learning environment and the wider school grounds, and we look forward to continuing this exciting journey together over the coming weeks and months.

Our curriculum focus for this term is '**Marvellous Me!**' We use this focus to inspire children to try new experiences, learn new skills and find out new facts. We will be learning about our locality by following maps, exploring changes in the seasons, learning about our new friends and sharing what is special about each one of us. We will explore number, practical addition and subtraction as well as pattern, shape and measurement. We will think about how we care for the world around us and the impact that humans have on the environment. We will look at the sounds letters make and blend and segment them to help us read and write. We will be looking closely at a range of stories including 'The Colour Monster'; 'Once There Were Giants'; 'Martha Makes a Map' and 'Lost and Found', as well as other stories by our author of the term, Julia Donaldson. We will encourage the children to join in with the repeated refrains and act out the stories, whilst also changing parts to make the story their own. We will also be working on strengthening our gross and fine motor skills and beginning to form letters correctly and we will be learning to paint in the style of Jackson Pollock. What a busy term we have ahead!

Some Extra Information:

Staffing

In Class R this year, we are very fortunate to have a highly experienced and dedicated team supporting the children. Mrs Smith will be teaching on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Mrs Wedderkopp will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Chiplin will be supporting in class every day. We also have the experience of Mr Lee, Ms Morrin and Mrs Graddon across the week to support the many exciting learning opportunities there will be.

PE & Explorers Kit

Our PE lesson will take place on **Tuesday afternoons**. Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school throughout the week. PE kits are also useful for keeping spare clothes in case of accidents, and we will send home any items that need washing.

Our Explorers (Outdoor Learning) sessions will take place on **Thursday afternoons**. As outdoor learning is a key part of our curriculum, children will need a named coat and wellies in school every day. We aim to learn outside whatever the weather, and the school grounds can quickly become muddy, even when conditions seem dry. Waterproof trousers are also recommended, particularly during the autumn and winter months.

WOW Moments

We would love to celebrate the children's WOW moments from home as they provide a real insight into the children's lives outside of school and their skills and development. Anything from reaching a new swimming level to learning to put their own socks on can be shared, if it is a new achievement in your child's life. Please can we encourage you to share these with us as much as possible by writing a note or sending us an email, so that we can celebrate this new success with the rest of the class.

Reading

At Milverton, we are passionate about reading and want to encourage our children to develop a love of reading. We also know that reading is a pivotal part of the curriculum; therefore, it is important that your child tries to read a little every day. Initially, your child will bring home a class book to share with you at home. Over the next couple of weeks, your child will bring home a selection of sound and word flashcards to practise reading at home with you. We will send home a new set when we feel that your child is confidently reading their previous ones. Flashcards are for you to keep at home and do not need to be returned to school.

Once we have taught the initial phonemes in class, children will begin to bring home reading books. Please try to hear your child read every day, even just a couple of pages, and record this with any comments in their yellow reading diary. We do ask that children read each book three times to support their decoding, fluency and comprehension skills. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading diary to school every day so we can hear them read and change their books as required.

Keeping in touch

The easiest way to communicate is face-to-face at the end of the school day, however, we know this is sometimes not possible. If you need to request a phone call or share any information with us, then please pop us an email via the school office, with FAO Class R or the staff member's name. These will then be shared with us.

School Office address: office@milvertonprimary.co.uk

For any specific Special Educational Needs (SEND) queries, please contact Mrs Pow (SENDCo) on: send@milvertonprimary.co.uk

If you would like more information, please feel free to approach any member of the class or leadership team. Thank you for your help and support. We can't wait for the year ahead!

The Class R Team 😊



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