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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first few days we have all had! The children have settled well into school life and shown real passion and enthusiasm for learning. They have started to make good friendships and show care and concern for all the children and adults in our class.

Our Early Years quest for this term is '**Incredible 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 and every one of us. We will use our quest to 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, Oliver Jeffers. 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 wonderful wealth of experience and support within the team. Miss Chiplin and Mrs Egerton will be working with the children every day, alongside Mrs Smith. We will also have Mrs Atterton returning to join us during this term, and Mrs Wedderkopp to support our outdoor learning sessions.

PE & Explorers Kit

Our formal PE session will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Initially, children will not be getting changed for PE, however you are welcome to leave PE kits in school ready for when we do start changing in a few weeks time. The PE bag is a great place to keep spare clothes in case of accidents too and we will send home any washing as and when necessary.

Children will need a coat and wellies available in school every day. We love to get outside whatever the weather and over the coming months the ground can be very wet, even when the sun is shining! As the weather turns colder and wetter, please consider packing waterproof trousers too for our outdoor learning sessions.

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 completing the slips included in your child's reading log, so 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 share this passion and to enjoy reading their books. 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 picture 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 log. We do ask that children read each book at least twice to improve their confidence and fluency with reading. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading log 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 through the Class R email address, which is available for class related queries. This will be monitored as often as possible, though please be aware that as we will be working with the children throughout the school day, this may not be replied to for 24 hours. If your message is urgent, please send it to the School Office mailbox, where we will be notified of it during the school day. The school office email should also be your first point of call for general queries and information regarding pick up and drop off, absence, or any medical needs.

Class email address: class@milvertonprimary.co.uk

School Office address: office@milvertonprimary.co.uk

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

If you would like more information, please feel free to approach any member of the team (after school is probably best!) Thank you for your help and support.

Mrs Smith and the Class R Team 😊



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