

# Milverton Community Primary School and Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Firstly, we would like to say thank you very much for all our lovely treats and gifts for Christmas. We hope you all had a good Christmas break and we are pleased that the children have settled back into school well. They are eager to learn and enthusiastic about our new Quest, 'Something Old, Something New'. Through this Quest, we will be exploring the natural world by finding out about our local community, exploring the professions of People Who Help Us and discovering more about ourselves and what makes us special. We will also be sharing stories from our Author of the Term, Oliver Jeffers, and exploring the art of Andy Goldsworthy. Please see the Class R Quest overview for more information on what we will be learning this term.

## Reading

A big thank you for supporting your child with their phonics and reading at home. The progress they have all been making has been fantastic. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of sharing stories with your child every day, even if this is only a handful of flashcards or a few pages of their book. Children's early reading skills develop through talking about books, listening carefully to sounds in words and blending these sounds together. Please try to hear your child read **every day** as this increases their confidence and regular practise helps to build on their blending skills as well as their fluency. On occasion you will find a bookmark of tricky words or words containing specific phonic sounds - please help your child practise to read and spell these words.

## WOWs

The children love receiving WOW moments and they are a real insight into the children's lives outside of school and their skills and development. Please can we encourage you to continue to share these with us as much as possible. WOW moments can be shared with us via the Class R email address below.

## Special Star Person

'Special Star Person' is an opportunity for your child to gain self –confidence and expand their communication and language skills by talking to the class about their interests, hobbies and personal experiences. The children love to have their own chance to shine and share their favourite things with the class and we love finding out more about their life beyond school.



**Milverton School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils and expects all staff and parents to share this commitment**

Headteacher: Richard Stead BSc (Hons) QTS NPQH

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This year, we are asking you to email photos of your child's items, rather than bring them into school. They could include family photos, special holidays, objects related to your child's hobbies (e.g. ballet shoes), special toys or books or anything that is of interest to your child that they would like to share with the class.

Please could we ask that you email a selection of photos to us by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022**, ready for us to start sharing from that week onwards.

Thank you for your ongoing help and support in these difficult times. Please feel free to contact us via the Class R email address for any queries you may have. We are always happy to help!



**We make use of the outdoor area  
in all weather so please ensure that  
your child has full waterproofs  
and wellies in school everyday.  
Thank You.**

Mrs Smith and the Class R Team ☺

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