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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and what a start we have made! Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you for all of our lovely treats and gifts that we received for Christmas. The children have all settled back into the classroom really well and it already feels like we have done so much. They are eager to learn and enthusiastic about our new Early Years Quest, 'Reach for the Stars'. Through this Quest, we will be exploring Space, finding out about 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, Julia Donaldson, and exploring the art of Henri Matisse. Please see the Class R Quest overview for more information about what we will be learning this term.

Mornings

Now that the children are growing so much in confidence, and have really found their feet at school, we will be encouraging them to take the next step in developing their independence. In the mornings we are asking that they come into the cloakroom area by themselves, hang up their coats and put their drinks bottles and book bags away. Mrs Atterton, Miss Chiplin and Mrs Egerton will, of course, be on hand to help with this. We find that this helps the children engage with the day much faster and with a focus on building relationships with others in the class. We will discuss this with the children too so they will be aware ready for next week.

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 and it's wonderful to hear them read. 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.



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

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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 either on the slips included in their yellow reading record, or 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. Each day a different child will have the opportunity to share 5 or 6 things that represent this. These can be objects, photos or anything else they think is appropriate. You are very welcome to e-mail things to the class e-mail address. If you are unsure at all about what to include, please ask.

Visitors

For the rest of this half term our focus will be Space and the second half term will be people who help us. If you, or anyone you know, has any experience in these areas we would love to welcome you/them in to speak to the class about it. Please feel free to send us an e-mail or speak to a member of the team about it.

Class email address: classr@milvertonprimary.co.uk

School Office address: office@milvertonprimary.co.uk

For any Special Educational Needs (SEND) queries, please contact Ms 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.

The Class R Team 😊



**We make use of the outdoor area
in all weather so please ensure that
your child has a coat
and wellies in school every day.
Thank You.**