

Milverton Community Primary School and Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't quite believe your child's final term in Class R has begun – time flies when we are having fun, and the fun will certainly continue! During this term, our whole school Quest is 'Time flies by'. Through this Quest, we will be exploring the natural world and using a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts to help us find out about life cycles, animals and their habitats and how we have changed and grown, as well as exploring growth through planting flowers and vegetables. We will be discovering more about ourselves and what makes us special through 'Special Star Person', and finding out about the lives of our parents and grandparents. We will also be sharing stories from our Author of the Term, Eric Carle, and exploring the art of Jackson Pollock. Please see the Class R Quest overview for more information on what we will be learning this term.

PE Kits

This term, please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school. This should include dark shorts, trainers and a t-shirt in the colour of your child's house. Please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school on a Monday morning and they will come home wearing it after their weekly PE session. Being able to dress and undress themselves, including buttons and zips, is an essential part of the Early Years curriculum, so we hope to get some good practise in over the summer months!

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 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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Please can we remind you that we need **ALL** of the children's books in schools on a **MONDAY** morning to enable us time to change them. We are unable to change children's books on other days of the week as we are having to follow certain procedures, as one of our many ways of keeping our staff and children in separate bubbles safe. Please can we also remind you to write how your child is getting on with their reading at home and when they have read to you so that we can ensure we are providing the right support for you and your child.

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. 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 the photos to us by **Friday 23rd April 2021**, ready for us to begin sharing these from the following week.

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!

Mrs Smith and Mrs Lewis

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