

# 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! This term, Mrs Smith will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with Mrs Nicholls teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Chiplin and Mrs Egerton continue to be in class every day.

During this term, our whole school Quest is 'Let's Grow Together'. 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. We will also be finding out about holidays in the past and taking our first school trip! We will also be sharing stories from our Author of the Term, Eric Carle, and exploring the art of Henri Matisse. Please see the Class R Quest overview for more information on what we will be learning this term.

## PE Kits

This term, our PE lessons will usually take place on a Thursday. However, this may sometimes change, especially in the run up to sports day, so please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school on a Monday morning and they will bring it home for washing when necessary. Please continue to encourage your child to dress themselves independently as much as possible as being able to dress and undress themselves, including buttons and zips, is an essential part of the Early Years curriculum. It also means we get a lot more time to enjoy PE if they don't have to wait in a queue for help with shoes!

## Reading

A big thank you for supporting your child with their phonics and reading at home. The progress they have all been making is fantastic. We cannot emphasize 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**

Headteacher: Richard Stead BSc (Hons) QTS NPQH

Assistant Headteacher: Peter Coupe BSc (Hons) QTS

Please can we remind you to write how your child is getting on with their reading at home and when they have read to you in their yellow reading diary, 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.

### **Upcoming dates**

Forest School – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Class Trip to Contains Art (Watchet) – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Multiskills Sports Festival at Kingsmead – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Thank you for your ongoing help and support with your child's education. 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, Mrs Nicholls & the Class R Team 😊

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