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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 and Tuesdays and Mrs Atterton will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Chiplin and Mrs Egerton continue to be in class with Miss Chiplin working every day and Mrs Egerton on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday..

During this term, our Early Years 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 part in our first Sports Day! Alongside this, we will be sharing stories from our Author of the Term, Eric Carle, 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.

Morning Routines

As we begin to prepare the children for transition from Class R to Class 1, we continue to encourage the children to become independent with their routines. Please say goodbye to your child at the bottom of the classroom steps, where they will then be expected to go into the cloakroom, hang up their own coats and bags and begin a selection of morning activities in the classroom. Staff will continue to be available to support them as necessary, but we know how quickly they rise to a challenge!

PE Kits

This term, our PE lessons will usually take place on a Friday. 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 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 practice helps to build on their blending skills as well as their fluency.



Milverton School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils

and expects all staff and parents to share this commitment

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.

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.

Outdoor Learning

This term, Class R will be returning to having weekly outdoor learning sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. Please could you ensure that your child has wellies and a waterproof coat in school for this purpose. These can be left in school in a named bag. Fingers crossed for some better weather over the coming weeks!

Upcoming dates

Forest School – Wednesday 22nd May

NHS Heights and Weights - Tuesday 21st May

Multiskills Sports Festival – Monday 24th 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 regarding your child's learning. We are always happy to help.

Mrs Smith, Mrs Atterton & the Class R Team ☺

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