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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 the second half of this term, we will begin the transition process ready for Year 1, but there is still a lot more Class R excitement to come before then!

During this term, our Early Years Quest is 'Ready, Steady, Grow!'. 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, minibests and their habitats. We will also be finding out about holidays in the past and comparing the UK to countries around the world. 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 Tuesday morning and a Monday afternoon. However, this may sometimes change, especially in the run up to sports day, so please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school every day. It would be helpful if your child came to school in their PE kit on a Tuesday morning with their school uniform in their PE bag ready to get themselves changed after our morning session. PE kits will be sent home each Monday to enable this to happen. Please could your child arrive at school in their usual school uniform on a Monday as our session on this day is in the afternoon. 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 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.

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.

Helping in school

Thank you very much to the parents who have already helped us in school, either by regularly hearing readers or by helping with walks or activities on an occasional basis. If you are interested in helping out in school at all, please contact the school office who will explain the DBS process to you. Please remember to let us know once you have received your checks back and we will gladly welcome you in to help with all sorts of fun coming up this term!

Dates for your diary

The children have loved having the opportunity to share with you what they have been learning during our Open Afternoons last term, and we are looking forward to celebrating the year with you at our Teddy Bear's Picnic on **Thursday 10th July at 2.30pm**.

Sports Day will also take place this term. Families are invited to join the whole school for the morning, cheering on the house teams before finding out who has won the house cup! Fingers crossed for good weather.

Keeping in touch

The easiest way to communicate is through the Class R email address, which is available for class related queries. This will be monitored as often as possible, though please be aware that as we will be working with the children throughout the school day, this may not be replied to immediately. If your message is urgent, please send it to the School Office mailbox, where we will be notified of it during the school day. The school office email should also be your first point of call for general queries and information regarding pick up and drop off, absence, or any medical needs.

Class email address: classr@milvertonprimary.co.uk

School Office address: office@milvertonprimary.co.uk

For any Special Educational Needs (SEND) queries, please contact Mrs 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!). We are always happy to help. Thank you for your help and support.

Mrs Wedderkopp, Mrs Phillips and Miss Chiplin

The Class R Team



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