



Dear Parents and Carers,

Homework is important. At our school we try to take a practical approach to it by not sending too much work home, and only setting work that actually has a direct benefit in supporting the children's progress in school. It really matters if children repeatedly do not complete their homework and our policy (which can be read here <https://www.milvertonprimary.co.uk/about-us/policies>) states that children can receive sanctions if they repeatedly fail to do their homework. Please support our teachers and your child by helping them to engage positively with their homework (and please accept our grateful thanks if you are already doing so!). Thank you for your continuing support,

Mr R Stead

This term, Class 5 and Class 6 have been studying space as part of their quest work. On Tuesday, both classes had the privilege of exploring space from the comfort of a Space Dome! Inside the planetarium it was mostly dark with different parts lit up and the presenter played us space themed music and gave us lots of information. We enjoyed learning about space exploration, stars and constellations, the planets, black holes and countless other pieces of information. We learnt that:

- The Andromeda Galaxy is 2 1/2 light years away from Earth.
- Jupiter is the largest of all the planets, yet it spins the fastest.
- There is a Black Hole in the middle of every galaxy.
- Space is only 62 miles away from Earth. It takes just 4 minutes to get up there!

We all really enjoyed the experience and our favourite part was looking at space up close and learning about the International Space Station (ISS) and we are sure that it will help people with their science projects. It was a phenomenal occasion and both the children and teachers loved it. It was a great day! *by Alice and Eleanor, Class 5*



In the middle of the dome was a projector shining stars all around us in the dark. We were asked a hard question to name all the astronauts/ cosmonauts we knew. Thanks to all of our learning in class, we managed to give some good answers. We were shown the International Space Station and there were a lot of funny clips of what life is like onboard. You wouldn't want to know what the toilet is like! Then we watched the docking of Tim Peake and the rest of the crew. Next stop, the moon! We were shown photos taken from the first moon landing. We saw Neil Armstrong reflected in Buzz Aldrin's helmet. We learned about all the moon landings. Did you know, one of the most famous sayings 'Houston, we got a problem', was from the Apollo 13 mission which went wrong? We looked at the planets, the Milky Way and the dreaded black holes. We were told to lie on our backs as we whizzed through space. We saw stars and galaxies as we were told fascinating facts that boggled our brains. We saw phases on the moon in 3D. At the end we could ask questions. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and hope we can do it again. It was a great experience. Thank you, Simon and Mr Penny!

by Philippa and Archie, Class 6



On Thursday 11th November it was Armistice Day, also known as Remembrance Day. We learned about the poppy symbol and why some people choose to wear a poppy during November. We found out that there are 4 different coloured poppies and each poppy has a different meaning. The most common poppy is red and represents soldiers who sacrificed their lives for us and our country. The purple poppy represents animals that were injured or died during the war. The white poppy represents peace and victory over war. The black poppy symbolises black, African and Caribbean communities who contributed to the war effort. We then made a poppy decoration and took part in a minutes silence.

by Harmonie and Missy

Diary Dates


Forest School Wednesdays

Class 5—17th November
Class 4—24th November
Class 3—1st December
Class 2—8th December
Class 1—15th December

Monday 15th Nov

Odd Socks Day! See p.2.

Friday 19th Nov

Children in Need day 
Wear spots and stripes!
Please donate directly to
Children in Need.

Parents' Evenings

Thursday 18th November
15:40—18:10

Monday 22nd November
17:00-19:30

Tuesday 23rd November

Whole school workshop
on recycling

Monday 13th December

Talent shows

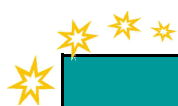
Tuesday 14th December

Christmas Party lunch day.
Please can children bring
in party food (for
themselves—no sharing
this year). Party clothes
advised!

Friday 17th December

Last day of term
Christmas Jumper day

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	344	604
Cork Oak	299	533
Blue Cedar	314	565
Horse Chestnut	297	583



OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Pre-School	Aria and Grayson for achieving their 10 miles and Maisie for achieving her 25 miles in the Golden Mile. Keir for showing kindness to everyone.
Class R	Leonard for his brilliant contributions towards our class discussions on space this week and his super tidying up skills!
Class 1	Brodie has worked so hard this week to improve his pencil grip. This has really supported his letter formation and his handwriting has improved dramatically. Brodie has noticed the difference in his own writing as well. Well done Brodie!
Class 2	Amelia for aspiring to be the best reader she can be by trying really hard to use her knowledge of phonics and high frequency words to read with more fluency.
Class 3	Clarabel for her beautiful manners in class and for writing clear instructions on 'How to Catch a Dragon'. Clarabel used adverbs, imperative verbs and adjectives. Well done!
Class 4	Talulah for a great attitude to all her learning all week in class and at home. It's been wonderful to see Talulah contributing and giving 100% in all of her lessons. Well done, Talulah.
Class 5	Halia for a super attitude towards her learning, especially in maths. Halia has worked very hard with the written methods in the 4 operations and is making good progress. Well done, Halia!
Class 6	Bobbi for her focus and hard work in her reading sessions this week.



It was Class 6's turn for Forest School this week. We started off by sitting around the fire, talking about the changes of Autumn and took a moment to listen to the sounds of nature. Mr Wedderkopp introduced us to a new game called Mr McGregor's Garden. Some of us were Mr McGregor's farmers and the rest were rabbits, hopping around the 'garden'. Every time Mr Wedderkopp shouted "Ooh-arrgh!" the rabbits had to hop to their burrows (hula-hoops) before the farmers caught them. After break time, we learnt how to measure our adopted trees. To do this, we got a stick from the woods that was the length of one of arms and held it straight with the tip of the stick in line with the top of the tree. We then walked towards the tree trunk in metre steps and how many you took determined how the tall the tree was. For example, Charlie's tree was 8.5 metres and Izzie's sapling was a tiny 45 centimetres! Afterwards, we made fact-files and information sheets, measuring and documenting the circumference of the tree trunk and the grid reference on our maps. We also identified the species of our tree (Charlie's was a wild cherry and Izzie's was a horse chestnut). It was sadly time to wrap things up for the morning, so we headed back to the fire circle for roast fudge and marshmallows. Thank you, Mr Wedderkopp for your amazing teaching, as always.



by Charlie and Izzie



Children in Class 2 have designed and created shoebox habitats to end their Science unit of work on Habitats and Living Things. Can you identify any of the habitats in the photos?

Year 2 have not learnt fencing before, but they soon grasped the concept of the footwork and enjoyed watching the videos of the Olympic pros. They all practiced finger fencing before trying foam fencing. Nellie P and Henry had a showdown at the end of their lesson, demonstrating their footwork skills, lunges and blocks. Well done, Class 2!



Miss Storey

On Monday 15th November it is 'Odd Socks Day'. Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. At Milverton Primary and Pre-School, we are going to join the millions of others wearing our odd socks to raise awareness of bullying across the UK! So, come to school on Monday 15th November wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



Meet Milverton's Digital Leaders!



Welcome to our Digital Leader Team. These children are a keen group of computing enthusiasts who will work together as a team. They will promote the positive use of technology and raise the school's profile and commitment to staying safe online with their peers. Our school values; 'to care, to aspire, to belong' will be demonstrated in the many tasks that they engage in this year. What better way to start their role by introducing a competition! Today, the Digital Leaders developed their skills in using a piece of software on Purple Mash (2Simple) called 2Paint. After experimenting on 2Paint and supporting each other, they confidently returned to their classes and introduced the competition to their peers. We welcome KS1 children to design a festive card in school and promote the opportunity for KS2 children to design their festive card at home. Please see the poster for more details. If you wish to enter the competition, the deadline is **Tuesday 23rd November 2021**. Have fun creating your festive card and you could be in with the chance of winning a great prize!

Miss Brown and the Digital Leader Team

Festive Card Competition

We would love you to design the official Purple Mash Festive Card for 2021.

Just log in to Purple Mash and get started with 2Paint a Picture to design your card. Remember you can pick any painting style that you like. When you are done, save your work and submit it to the Festive Card Competition Display Board for your age group.

Everyone is welcome to enter the competition and your design can reflect whatever this time of year means to you.

Make sure you submit your work by 23rd November 2021.

The Winner

Your design will become the official Purple Mash festive card! Plus winners will receive 25 copies of their card, a £10 Amazon voucher and a 2Simple Goody Bag.

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Recipe

The MSA are hoping to produce a recipe book with all your favourite recipes! We would love to make the book as wonderful and colourful as we can.

Any recipes will be welcomed;

cakes, pastries, puddings, pasta, savoury!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE DO 2 THINGS:

1. **HAND** in your written or typed up recipe page to school on an A4 page - feel free to write, draw & doodle on the page
2. **Email** a photo of yourself and/or the finished product if you'd like it to be included in the final book!

**RECIPES to be handed into school
PHOTOS to: msa-somerset@outlook.com**



MSA News

Thanks to everyone who supported the MSA Christmas cards event. Together we raised £312.50 for our school!! Don't forget, you can still purchase lottery tickets and be in with a chance to win £25,000 - search 'your school lottery' and type in Milverton school or code 63025. Finally, please see poster attached, the MSA are hoping to raise even more funds by producing a beautiful recipe book. Get your recipes in by December 1st! Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times.

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