

Milverton Community Primary and Pre-School

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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you back to school and the start of a new academic year. The children have had a great start and I am so proud of them all.

Staff

I will teach the children supported by Mrs Cutler, Ms Allen and Miss L.Yeats. On Wednesday afternoons, during my planning time, Mrs Cutler will teach the class and be supported by Ms Allen and Miss L.Yeats.

Transition from Reception

My aim is to make the children's transition from play based provision to more structured teaching a gentle progress. There will continue to be provision for play based learning both inside and outside for a period of time, and we will have a very practical and physical approach to learning activities, starting in small bursts.

Wellie Boots

If possible, please can you bring in some named boots for your child that can be left at school. This will allow us to make the most of our outdoor area and school grounds.

Quest

Our new Year 1 and 2 quest this term is 'Pioneers'. We have planned a variety of learning experiences that are shown on the attached quest coverage leaflet. There will be many cross-curricular links and a practical workshop hosted in-school by the Museum of Somerset. If you have any resources or opportunities you would like to share with children, please let me know.

Reading and Spellings

Reading books will be checked and changed on **Mondays and Fridays**. Please send the reading record and books in everyday, so that we can also listen to the children read.

Listening to your child read regularly at this stage of their development is pivotal for their future success. Being able to read is the key to so much learning and understanding. As they develop their phonological knowledge you can play a vital role in helping them to remember these new sounds and apply them to their early reading. It is so important for the children to read regularly at home. Our expectation is that they read at least 4 times a week at home. Just 10 minutes a day will make a great difference to their progress. Rereading a book for fluency is also an important skill. You can share the reading if it helps, or read something different now and then, if they need a change. Please record when they have read at home in the reading record book.



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I will be reading the children lots of stories and poems beyond their reading level, and I hope you will continue to do this at home too. A love of books will encourage their own reading and greatly increase their vocabulary.

I will start weekly spellings at some point when I feel the children are ready for this challenge.

PE

PE sessions are on **Mondays and Fridays**. Please can their kit come to school on a Monday in a separate bag. The kit will be sent home on a Friday. If your child is prone to the occasional 'accident', please could you kindly keep some spare clothes/underwear in their PE bags.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me here at school. I am always available for a chat after school but please kindly wait for a few minutes to allow me to release all the children.

I hope you find this information useful and I look forward to getting to know you all.

Best wishes,

Janie Boullin



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