

# Milverton Community Primary and Pre-School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class 1. The children have made a great start in Class 1 and I am enjoying getting to know them. Already we've had lots of fun, I can see how lovely they are and I know I am going to enjoy being their teacher.

**The most important way you can support your child in Class 1 is to listen to them read regularly.** As they continue their journey learning their phonics, they need to practise these skills. ***Reading is key to being able to write and access the whole of the curriculum.***

## Coats, wellies and water bottles

**We take the children out outside in most weather so please can they have a coat every day and if possible, leave spare wellies at school. It is so helpful if all items are named. Please provide your child with a bottle of water every day.**

## Staff

I will teach the children supported by Mrs Cutler. On Thursday afternoons, during my planning time, Mrs Cutler will teach the class for part of the afternoon and Premier Sports will do PE with them. Miss Yates will support the class on that afternoon. Miss Davy and Miss Yates will also support the children on some other afternoons.

## Transition from Reception

Our 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, and we will have a very practical and physical approach to learning activities, starting in small bursts.

## Quest

Our Class 1 and 2 quest this term is 'Terrific Toys'. 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 there are any parents or grandparents who would lend their childhood toys, please let me know.

## Reading

The children will be given some books to read each week. Each child should read at their own pace and there is **no** expectation for all their books to be read every time they are checked. In fact, at Milverton we want the children to reread books to practise their fluency. We will be sticking in 'high frequency words' which we would encourage you to practise frequently with your child. These are words we would like them to be able to read by sight without sounding them out. It will help



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their fluency when they can remember these words. We will endeavour to check reading record books at least once week. Please ensure their reading books come to school every day so we can hear the children read too. 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. Please record when they have read at home in their reading record book.

## Maths

As well as helping with the maths subjects listed in the Quest document, you can help your child with at home: counting and reading to 20 (and beyond), counting forward and backwards from any number up to 20. Counting in 10s, 2s and 5s. We will practise writing the digits the correct way round and this is something you could encourage at home.

## Writing and handwriting

I would encourage you to provide paper, notebooks, pencils, pens etc at home for writing. At this point, I would just allow them to express themselves however they can, without necessarily correcting spelling or grammar. We will be practising forming our letters correctly and this is something you could help with at home.

## PE

PE sessions are on **Wednesdays and Thursdays** but many children do some extra sport during the week so can I please ask that their kit is in school every day. PE kits will be sent home at half-term. You are very welcome to take them more often if you prefer. If your child is prone to the occasional 'accident', please could you kindly keep some spare clothes/underwear in their PE bags.

## Forest School

This term Class 1 will have Forest School on Wednesday 16th October and Wednesday 18th December.

## Lunchboxes

If your child has a packed lunch, please can it be in one container that is clearly labelled on the outside.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the day after I have finished giving the other children to their adults, or contact me via the office or via the class email : [class1@milvertonprimary.co.uk](mailto:class1@milvertonprimary.co.uk)

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

Best wishes,

Janie Boullin



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