

# Milverton Community Primary and Pre-School

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been lovely to welcome your children back this week. They have started the term with great enthusiasm. They have got straight back into learning - with lots of fun too.

This term our quest is '**Marvellous Mexico**'. We have planned a variety of exciting learning experiences. We will link our learning of Mexico through Geography, Art, DT and music. In DT we have already started to make our own maraca using papier mâché.

## Reading

Helping your child to learn to read is the most important support you can give them at home at this time. Mastering reading will allow them to become confident writers and access learning across the whole curriculum. Please aim to read with your child at least four times a week for 10 minutes, including practising the high frequency words included in their reading record books.

We will continue to have daily phonics sessions to support children's reading and writing. We also share lots of stories with the children during the day, discussing the vocabulary and asking comprehension questions.

Your child's reading books will continued to be changed on a Monday and Friday. Please make sure that your child brings in their reading log and books to school **each day** so that we can listen to them read in school. It is important that children have the opportunity to read these books more than once to help develop their reading fluency. As they become more familiar with the content of the book, they will read with greater understanding, confidence and expression.

## Spellings

We have just started giving the children spellings to learn. Please support your child to learn their spellings.

## Maths

As well as helping with the maths subjects listed in the Quest document, you can help your child at home with: counting to 100; reading numbers up to 100; counting forward and backwards from any number up to 100, and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We continue to practise writing the digits the correct way round and this is something you could encourage at home.



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## Writing and handwriting

We would encourage you to provide paper and pencils at home for writing. It's been lovely to hear how many children enjoy writing at home. At this point, the children should be encouraged to write in full sentences with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full-stop. Their spelling is mostly phonetic at this stage. In class, we practise handwriting every day. It would be helpful at home for you to note any letters still being formed incorrectly, and encourage the correct formation.

## Purple Mash

For our computing learning, the children use Purple Mash. They can access this via their own login (in their reading record) to share what they have been learning in class and to access lots of games and tools for developing many skills.

## PE

PE sessions will continue to be on a Monday and Friday.

## Forest School

This term Class 1 have another Forest School session on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

We hope you find this information useful and we look forward to a fun, exciting and enjoyable Spring term with the children.

Best wishes,

Ms Boullin, Mrs Cutler, Miss Allen and Miss Yates.



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