

Milverton Community Primary and Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Firstly, we would like to say thank you very much for all our lovely treats and gifts for Christmas. We hope you all had a good Christmas break and we are pleased that the children have settled back into school well. They are eager to learn and enthusiastic about our new Quest, 'Once upon a Time'. Through this Quest, we will be exploring traditional tales and recreating them in class. We are learning about the natural world this term in our topic lessons. We will also be sharing stories from our Author of the Term, Julia Donaldson, and exploring the art of Henri Matisse. We will continue to practice our phonics this term, going back over phase 2 and 3. Please see the Class R Quest overview for more information on what we will be learning this term.

Some extra information:

Reading

A big thank you for supporting your child with their phonics and reading at home. The progress they have all been making has been fantastic. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of sharing stories with your child every day, even if this is only a handful of flashcards or 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.

PE & Explorers Kit

The PE bag is a great place to keep spare clothes in case of accidents too and we will send home any washing as and when necessary.

Children will need a coat, waterproofs and wellies available in school every day. We love to get outside whatever the weather and over the coming months the ground can be very wet, even when the sun is shining!

WOW Moments

We would love to celebrate the children's WOW moments from home as they provide a real insight into the children's lives outside of school and their skills and development. Anything from reaching a new swimming level to learning to put their own socks on can be shared, if it is a new achievement in your child's life.

The children love receiving WOW moments and they are a real insight into the children's lives outside of school and their skills and development. Please can we encourage you to continue to share these with us as much as possible. WOW moments can be shared with us via the Class R email address below.



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

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 for 24 hours. 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!) Thank you for your help and support.

Miss Murray and the Class R Team 😊