

# Milverton Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you back to school and the start of the new academic year. Miss Gauntlett and I have been busy over the summer break planning our new quest for this term called 'Animal Magic'. We have planned a variety of learning experiences that are categorised on the attached Quest coverage leaflet. Some of the sessions will be team taught, some of the sessions will be as year groups. The core subjects of English and Maths will be taught as usual in year groups as will subjects such as PE, PSHCE and RE (locally agreed syllabus).

The children have already begun their cross curricular learning and are very enthusiastic. As you know we have planned a trip to Paignton Zoo as our 'Quest Entry' and as our 'Quest Exit' we are inviting you to a curriculum evening on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30 - 7.30 pm** instead of our usual sharing assemblies. The children will have the responsibility of running numerous 'zones' about their learning and we hope to have other exhibits and attractions for you to experience too. We hope you can join us for this, here at school (more information to follow).

We would like the children to complete a project about the quest this term. The project is about any aspect of 'Animal Magic' that they are fascinated by. This can be anything within the areas of animals, adaptation, classification or evolution. The project is designed to allow the children to plan their time effectively, gather information from a variety of sources, prepare the information in a variety of ways ready to present their projects to classes 5 and 6. Some will be asked to present during our curriculum evening. The presentation will involve the children speaking and being supported by the resources they prepare. This could be a mix of ICT, 3D models, posters, handouts, leaflets etc. Hours and hours could be spent on a project like this so we are hopefully limiting the time spent on the project by asking the presentation to be no more than 3 minutes. The deadline for the project will be **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**.

Along with this homework project there will also be the following amount of home learning expected each week in Class 6:

- The children will have spellings set on a Monday which will be due in that week on the Friday. Children will also be tested on their spellings on Fridays. The children will also be given a 'tricky words' list to learn across the year.
- Maths homework will be set on Tuesdays and will be due in the following Tuesday. This will either be a MyMaths task or written sheet.
- Children will be expected to continue to practise their times tables at home for a weekly test on Tuesday mornings.
- The children are also expected to continue their fantastic reading efforts by reading at least 4 times a week to an adult to gain a sticker. Reading record folders are checked on Monday mornings but need to be in school every day please.
- KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) will be given out at the beginning, and tested at the end, of each half term.

Class 6 have PE sessions on Mondays and Fridays but may do some extra sport during the week so can I please ask that their kit is in school every day.

If any of you have any interests or expertise in the Quest this term and would like to support the learning in some way, or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me here at school.

Many thanks for your on-going support.

Best wishes,

Stephen Penny

