



Milverton Community Primary School

Year R Newsletter

Autumn Term

What a fantastic first few days we have all had! The children have settled into school life and shown real passion and enthusiasm for learning. They have started to make good friendships and show care and concern for all the children and adults in our class.

The whole school quest for this term is 'Animal Magic!' We use this to inspire children to try new experiences, learn new skills and find out new facts. We will be learning about different types of animals from those in our own homes to those who live in jungles, under the sea and in our beautiful school grounds. We will find out about their habitats as well as exploring camouflage, nocturnal creatures and creatures who hibernate. We will use our quest to explore number, practical addition and subtraction as well as pattern, shape and measurements. We will think about how we care for animals around the World from the largest to smallest creatures. We will look at the sounds letters make and blend and segment them to help us read and write. We will be looking closely at traditional stories with animals such The 3 Little Pigs and The 3 Billy Goats Gruff as well as stories by our author of the term Julia Donaldson. We will encourage the children to join in with the repeated refrains and act out the stories - changing parts to make the story their own. We will also be working on strengthening our gross and fine motor skills and beginning to form letters correctly. What a busy term we have ahead!

Some extra information:

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. Please can we encourage you to share these with us as much as possible (WOW cards will be available on the display board just outside of the classroom).

Throughout the year there will be an opportunity for your child to be the 'Special Star Person'. This is an opportunity for your child to gain self-confidence and expand their communication and language skills by talking to the class about their interests, hobbies and personal experiences. When it is your child's turn to be the Special Star Person you will be informed. Your child will have the opportunity to bring in a selection of items, for example family photos, objects related to your child's hobbies (eg. Ballet shoes), special toys or books and anything that is of interest to your child that they would like to share with the class. Your child will need to bring in their Special Star Person things on a Monday and they will be displayed in the classroom for the rest of the week. We look forward to finding out about your children's interests.

We have 2 new pupils joining our class in the next few weeks! They are Milton and Millie Bear. They would love to have the opportunity to spend time getting to know the children and hope you will welcome them for an overnight stay. They are very polite and enjoy joining in with all the adventures the children get up to at home! They have their toothbrush and diary ready so all we ask is that you look after them and help them write and draw about the fun they have had and make sure they get an early night so they are ready to return to school the next morning.

A few dates for your diaries:

- The School Harvest service will be held at St Michael's church at **2pm on Friday 30th September**. Although the children will not be in school on this afternoon you are very welcome to take your child to the church to enjoy the service.
- Year R's first sharing assembly will be on **Friday 18th November** in the school hall at **9:00-9:30am**. All Year R parents are invited to come and see the children show some of the things that they have been learning so far!
- The Year R Nativity will be held in the school on **Thursday 15th December at 2pm**.
- There will be a whole school carol service at St Michael's church at **2pm on Friday 16th December** which you are invited to join.

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.

Mrs Lewis and Mrs Smith