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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 'Journeys'. 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 transport and journeys that we can make in them. This will include a visit from the police to talk about road safety, a chat with a pilot and even a trip on the train! We will use our quest to explore number, practical addition and subtraction as well as pattern, shape and measurements. 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 stories involving journeys, such as 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', 'The Train Ride' and 'Rosie's Walk' 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 Tuesday 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.



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

Headteacher: Richard Stead BSc (Hons) QTS NPQH Key Stage One Coordinator: Jane Nicholls BA (Hons) PGCE
Assistant Headteacher: Peter Coupe BSc (Hons) QTS

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.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit, coat, wellies and waterproofs in school every day!

A few dates for your diaries:

Forest School:

- Please join us for our Phonics and Maths Presentation on **Wednesday 20th September at 12.30pm.**
- There will be a KS1 school trip on **Thursday 12th October** - more information to follow.
- We will be taking part in Forest School on **Tuesday 31st October** and **Tuesday 19th December.** Please see the Friday Flyer for more information.
- The School Harvest service will be held at St Michael's church on **Friday 6th October at 2pm.**
- The Year R Nativity will be held in the school on **Friday 15th December at 2pm.**
- There will be a whole school carol service at St Michael's church on **Thursday 21st December at 2pm** 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