

Milverton Community Primary School and Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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 'Explorers!' We use this to inspire children to try new experiences, learn new skills and find out new facts. We will be learning about different places around the world by becoming jungle explorers, pirates investigating the great seas, astronauts blasting off to space and polar explorers learning about the Antarctic. 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 the World around us. 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 a range of stories including 'Rumble in the Jungle'; 'Pirates love Underpants'; 'Lost and Found' and 'The Way Back Home', as well as stories by our author of the term Oliver Jeffers. 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. You will find out when it is your child's turn by looking in the front of their reading record book. Don't worry we will remind you the week before! When it is your child's turn to be the Special Star Person they 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.

Of course, we are aware that accidents happen and this is not a problem at all! However, we would be grateful if all children could have a spare set of clothes at school, should it be necessary to change them.



A few dates for your diaries: [Eco-Schools](#)



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

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- ✓ Please join us for our Phonics and Maths Presentation on **Wednesday 11th September at 6pm**.
- ✓ The school Harvest Festival will be on **Friday 27th September at 2pm** at St Michael's church in Milverton (you will be welcome to take your child home from the church at the end of the service)
- ✓ Our first school trip will be to Contains Art on **Thursday 3rd October** – further details to follow.
- ✓ We will be taking part in Forest School on **Wednesday 23rd October** and **Wednesday 18th December**.

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