

# Milverton Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you back to school and the start of a new academic year. Mr Coupe and I have been busy over the summer holidays planning our new whole school quest 'Journeys'. We have decided to look at this via the fascinating topic of space.

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 and 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, RE (locally agreed syllabus) and music.

In Class 6 this year the children will have the opportunity to be taught by myself for most of the week and by Mrs Laphorn on Wednesday afternoons. The children will be supported in the class by Mrs Laphorn and Mrs Downs through the week.

We also have an exciting addition to our curriculum this year – Forest School. This wonderful outdoor curriculum will be taught by a new addition to the staff, Mr Josh Wedderkopp. He is an experienced Forest Schools teacher and we will be working with him, during the morning, as a class on Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, January 9<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>. The children will need to come to school wearing weather appropriate outdoor clothing on these Tuesday mornings. They will also need to bring their full school uniform in a separate bag in order to change at lunchtime.

The children have already begun their cross curricular learning and are very enthusiastic. As you know, we have planned a trip to @Bristol as our 'Quest Entry' and as our 'Quest Exit' we are inviting you to a curriculum and star gazing evening on **Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6.00 – 7.00 pm** instead of our usual sharing assemblies. The children will have the responsibility of running numerous 'stations' 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 'Earth and Beyond' that they are fascinated by. This could be a planet, stars, space travel, Apollo missions, how to be an astronaut or even aliens! 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 and some 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. We would also like to see a written 'script' of their presentation. 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 **Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>**.



Along with this homework project there will also be an 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.
- 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 up 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.

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.

I hope you find this information useful.

Many thanks for your on-going support.

Best wishes,

Stephen Penny