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Dear Parents

15 January 2020

Happy New Year! We would like to start by saying a huge thank you for all our Christmas cards and gifts. They are so appreciated.

This term we are really excited about our quest, Times Gone By. The days will be filled with exciting learning opportunities. We will be covering history, science, music, art and DT alongside our core subjects. The children love to welcome visitors and hear people talk about their topic so if any parents have any expertise please do let us know.

Arriving in the morning

We are so impressed with how beautifully and confidently the children now come in in the mornings. As such, and as part of our smooth transition throughout the year, we will now be adjusting our morning routine to fit with the rest of the school. From Monday 20th January, children will line up outside our classroom (as per the end of play times) at 8:55am ready to be taken in to the classroom by us. They will be able to put their coats and bags in the cloakroom prior to this and should continue to pop their reading books in the basket but will then need to return to the playground and wait for the bell. If you have a pressing issue that affects the day then please do catch one of us before 8:55am, As ever, our door is always open but it is a little easier to give due care and attention at the end of the day as opposed to the slightly busier 'seeing in' period.

Reading

I hope you all remember from our phonics morning how important it is to develop reading in order for the children to access all areas of the curriculum, increasingly independently, The expectation is for children to read to an adult 4 times a week. Just 10 minutes each time really does make a huge difference. Please ensure that your child bring their book and reading record book into school every day.

Homework

Please continue to hear your child read regularly, practise their high frequency words and spellings which will be set weekly. Spellings will be sent home on a Monday and the children will be tested on them on a Friday.

PE

The children will need their PE kits in school at all times. This term PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. During our lessons the children will be exploring gymnastics and developing a range of PE skills through a fun and creative way.



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

Requests

If any parents or grandparents have any toys from when they were little, we would love to see them, along with an explanation about their age etc. If you are feeling confident, we would love you to come and talk to the children about toys when you were young so they can compare toys from the past to toys of today.

With this letter is attached our Quest overview for the Spring Term – ‘Times Gone By!’

We look forward to an exciting and fun term!

Yours sincerely

Class 1 Team