



## ALBAN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break.

### Our topic

This half term our topic will be 'All about me'. This will involve talking about our families, similarities and differences, discussing how we have changed over time and thinking about how we can keep healthy. We will also be encouraging the children to talk about themselves, which will enable us to focus learning on the children's interests.

### Early Years Fund

The children take part in lots of fun activities during their time in Reception. However, many of these activities require materials which get used up and often need replacing. Therefore we would really appreciate it if all parents could contribute £2 a term to allow us to continue to provide these resources. Please put the donation in a named envelope addressed 'Early Years Fund' and bring to the school office.

### Homework

Each half term you will receive a homework grid. This gives you some ideas of activities you can do with your child at home which will contribute to their learning in school. The time spent on each activity will vary for each child. It will be glued into a purple book. Your child can either work directly into the book or you can stick in photos or work. Please choose one activity to do each week and return the grid to school each Wednesday. Feel free to annotate the work depending on the level of support that you have given your child or any other notes that you would like to write alongside each activity. Reading books and tricky words to learn (to read not spell) will be coming home soon. Children need to read every night and we will aim to change the reading books as frequently as we can. If for any reason your child has the same book then reading this again will help with recall skills and confidence. Your child's reading book will not be changed if the reading record has not been signed by an adult. Later in the term we will also be sending home phonics sounds to consolidate our phonics teaching within school.

### Personalised Wall Space

Thank you for all the wonderful contributions to your child's personal wall space in the classroom. Please bring in photos or email to [admin@albanwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@albanwood.herts.sch.uk) so that we can continue to keep your child's space as up to date as possible.

### PE

Please remember to leave PE kits at school. They should include: black shorts and a white t-shirt as well as tracksuit trousers and trainers as we will sometimes do PE outdoors. ***Please ensure all these items, as well as school uniform, are named.*** PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Library

The children will have the opportunity to visit the school library every Wednesday. Please provide your child with a book bag and remember to bring back the book you have borrowed every Wednesday.





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### **Learning Journals**

We observe the children in the Reception and record their learning journeys electronically. At the end of each half-term you will receive your child's e-journal via email. Please ensure that we have an up to date email address for you.

### **Stay and Play**

Every Wednesday we invite you to stay and play in Reception for half an hour after dropping your child off. During this time you can spend time engaging with your child in their learning and play alongside them and their friends. You will also have an opportunity to look at the displays in the class and find out more about what the children have been learning. The session will begin on **Wednesday 21st September**, once all of the children have settled in. We hope you will be able to join us for this special time!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to us.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Gainfort, Mrs Long, Mrs Wilcock and Mrs Nerecova - *Reception Team*