



ALBAN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Mrs Rachel Kirk, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday.

Our topic

This half term our topics will be 'Winter' and 'Around the World'. We will be learning about the weather in winter and exploring ice and maybe even snow. We will learn about different countries and are hoping the children can tell us about countries or places where they have been or where their families live or have lived. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year and finding out about some Chinese traditions.

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. Please choose one activity to do each week and return the grid to school each Wednesday.

Personalised Wall Space

Thank you for all the wonderful contributions to your child's personal wall space in the classroom. Please bring in photos of your child in the holidays or email to admin@albanwood.herts.sch.uk, stating that they are photos for Reception.

PE

Please remember to leave PE kits at school. They should include: black shorts and a white t-shirt as well as tracksuit trousers, a warm jumper and trainers as we will do PE outdoors this term. **Please ensure all these items, as well as school uniform, are named.** PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. If your daughter wears tights to school please could you put in a pair of socks. Earrings are not permitted for PE so if at all possible please could you ensure that they are not worn on PE days.

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.





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

Thank you for attending Stay and Play last term as well as for your feedback on the sessions. We will continue to hold Stay and Play on Wednesdays between 8.45 and 9.15am. 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. 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*



