



## ALBAN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday.

### Our topics

This half term our topics will be **Growing** (Plants), **Pirates** and **Mini-beasts**. We will be taking advantage of the delightful sunshine and making many visits around the school grounds, looking at plants and hunting for mini-beasts. We will be writing our own pirate story and designing some Treasure Island maps. A trip is planned for later in the term, more information to follow.

### 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.

Also, **regular daily reading** significantly benefits your child so please keep this up. Books will not be changed if the reading record has not been signed by an adult.

### 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](mailto: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 continue to 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.



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### **Learning Journals**

We observe the children in the Reception and record their learning journeys electronically. Please ensure that we have an up to date email address for you.

### **Stay and Play**

We will continue to hold Stay and Play on Wednesdays between 8.40 and 9.15am. During this time you can spend time engaging with your child in their learning and play alongside them and their friends. We hope you will be able to join us for this special time!

Please adhere to our **NO MOBILE PHONE POLICY** during this time. Phones should be on silent and kept away from sight.

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*