



# Reception Class Newsletter

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## Welcome to the Spring term 2019

We'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome you back for the Spring term 2019. December concluded a particularly busy and productive term and we are very grateful for all the support we received in settling the children and making sure they had the best start to Reception. We'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the generous and thoughtful gifts - they were all very much appreciated.

Supporting the children across Reception this term will be Jamie, Carla and Sedi.

## 'Mother Nature, Mother Earth'

The Spring term's learning will be based on our whole school topic: 'Mother Nature, Mother Earth'. We will begin our journey by reading and responding to Oliver Jeffer's wonderful book 'Here We Are'. The rich text and illustrations will engage the children. As part of our response, we will be creating a class book to welcome visitors to Planet Reception in Galaxy Albemarle. There will be a strong focus on developing our Growth Mindsets and interpersonal skills this term through partner talk and team work.

After half term we will focus on learning about animals following a visit from the Zoo! We will use a range of text to explore animals from around the world. Later in the term we will take a Reception class outing to Wimbledon Park to explore animals in our local environment. Full details will be sent out later this term.

## Homework

Please read with your child every day at home and write your comments in their **Reading Record**.

Book bags need to be in school every day but reading books will be changed and re-issued each Wednesday.

Please ensure **Sound Book** homework is completed and returned for marking each Tuesday.

Additionally, the children will receive 6 tasks to complete in their **Termly Homework** books, linked to our topic. The Termly Homework also includes 12 Red Words to learn over the term.

## P.E.

Both classes have P.E. sessions with Mr Campbell. Children are not expected to change for P.E. during the Spring term but please do ensure that your child is wearing comfortable and supportive shoes at all times whilst in school.

## Albemarle Core Values

We are **compassionate**.

We have a **love for learning**.

We aim for **excellence** in all we do.

We are **independent** in our learning and beyond.

We are **articulate** and polite.

We are **responsible** individuals.

We are **reflective**.

We have the courage to **take risks**.

## Reception Expectations Work, Rest and Play

- Have a good night's sleep
- Arrive on time (8.45am lining up)
- Bring a waterproof coat
- Read every day
- Bring a named water bottle

## Dates for your Diary

**14<sup>th</sup> January:** Clubs Start

**13<sup>th</sup> February:** Season for Love Concert

**HALF TERM:** 18th February - 22nd February

**25th February:** INSET Day- School closed to pupils

**6<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents Evening – School closes at 2:15pm

**29<sup>th</sup> March:** Clubs Finish

**5<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Parade

Please do not hesitate to ask a member of the team if you have any questions or queries.  
Miss Pickering and Mr Neilson

