



## Spring 2020 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term – Reception

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break over the festive period. We have been incredibly proud of all of the children in Team Woodland, particularly with the Christmas performances, Christmas lunch and their developing resilience.

Last term the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Autumn & Winter. We thought about how the climate changes and the impact it has on animals, the environment and ourselves. We read a range of stories to reflect this learning. It has been so wonderful to see the children progress in so many different areas.

This term, Team Woodland will be learning about Aliens and Space. This is an enjoyable topic for the children with so many opportunities to widen their imagination. We will be reading stories including: 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy, 'Aliens love Underpants' by Claire Freedman and many others based around this theme. Please continue to look at Tapestry and upload learning at home. 😊

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children this term will continue to build on their confidence and self-awareness. The children are starting to become more confident in sharing ideas with their peers during class discussions.

### Communication & Language

The children will continue to build and develop their vocabulary and extend their use of language, looking at how and why questions in response to stories and events about space. The children will continue to develop their own narrative and explanation by linking ideas together.

### Physical Development

The children will continue to expand their physical development through looking at different movements, as they explore walking and moving in space. They will build on their fine and gross motor skills and explore throwing and catching.

### Literacy

We will build on the children's reading and writing skills by continuing to use Letterland. We will look at new sounds and build words using sounds we already know. Please read with your child at least four times a week.

### Maths

This term in maths we will be focusing more on shape, measure and space. The learning will include understanding 2D and 3D shapes using the terms flat and solid, introducing the children to the names of shapes and creating objects using shapes.

### Understanding the World

As the children will be learning about space, they will learn what is above in space, what planet Earth looks like and how we would travel to the moon.

### Expressive Arts

The children will explore how to use materials to construct a sculpture. We will also be using Paper Mache and experiment with colour. We love to use messy play to extend their creativity.

### Reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child has **all** winter kit which includes wellington boots and winter coats – **all clearly labelled with their name please!**
- ★ Some families are missing items of uniform and PE kit. Please could you have a look at home and check that you haven't got anyone else's belongings by mistake.
- ★ Please leave your child's reading book in their book bag as we often read with the children in school.
- ★ We are running low on our junk modelling! If you are able to donate any household recycling boxes, tubes and rolls, we would really appreciate it.
- ★ Grown Ups in Golden Time: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

**Miss Romanay-Bhatt (Team Leader), Miss Shabir and Mrs Harvey 😊**