

**A message about Reception**

Reception have had a wonderful first term at school! They really excelled during their Christmas concert and should be extremely proud of themselves. Our next topic is Space. In this topic, we will be learning about all of the planets in our solar system and how they are different from each other. We will also be learning about the job of an astronaut and how they travel to space.

We will be continuing our Phonics, Reading, Writing and Mathematics teaching through targeted whole class sessions. We will be continuing to follow the Little Wandle programme for phonics in which we will be particularly focusing on their blending (reading) and segmenting (spelling) skills. Children should read at home daily to further develop their phonics skills. In Mathematics, we will be continuing to follow the White Rose scheme of work. This half term our maths focuses will include comparing lengths, composing numbers 6-8 and odd and even numbers.

**Homework**

Children will receive a half termly homework project. This half term we would like the children to transform themselves into an alien or astronaut. These will be displayed in our classrooms. We would also like the children to practise the different sounds we have learnt over the course of the half term. Please send in any evidence so we can celebrate the children's efforts at school.

**Uniform**

- Dark grey school trousers or skirt or grey pinafore dress or skirt.
- White polo shirt.
- Navy V-neck jumper or cardigan.
- Plain dark or white socks or tights.
- Plain black school shoes or trainers.
- **PE kit:** white t-shirt
- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Navy blue sweatshirt (worn over the top if necessary)
- Black plimsolls or plain black or white trainers

**Weekly time table**

**PE will be taught on the following days:**

- Farah class- Monday and Wednesday
- Chawla class- Tuesday and Wednesday
- Donaldson class- Wednesday and Friday

Children should come to school in their PE kits on these day.

