

# Reception Newsletter

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Raleigh Infant and  
Admirals Academies

## Welcome

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas, and a great start to the New Year. We hope you are looking forward to beginning the Spring term, with lots of fun learning in store!

Make sure to regularly check **Tapestry** to see the latest updates of learning within Reception, as well as how you can support your child at home. Home learning is set every **Friday**, for us to share in class the following **Thursday**. Please also upload any other learning that takes place outside of school - we value all learning!



The Reception team

## Important Dates



5th February - Parents' Evenings

6th February - Parents' Evenings

14th February - Last day of term

## Wider Curriculum

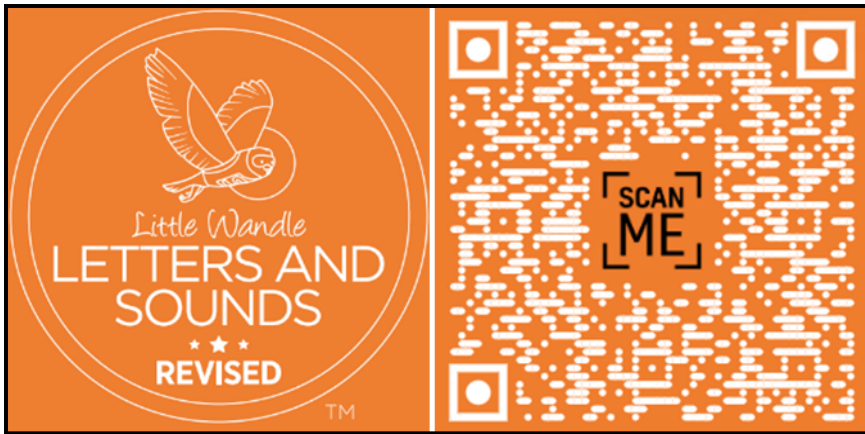
Our learning theme for this half term is **Space**. We will be learning about stars, planets, space exploration and more! We will be using ambitious vocabulary in our learning, including words such as 'atmosphere', 'gravity', and 'solar system'. We will also be exploring artists, such as the composer **Holst** and painter **Jackson Pollock**, and how their work can inspire our learning about Space.



**PE** is every **Friday**. Your child needs to come to school in their PE kit. This half term we will be focusing on the fundamentals, including moving in different ways with balance and control.

In **RE** we will be exploring how people around the world celebrate in different ways. In **PSHE** we will explore our dreams and goals, and how to achieve them.

More information can be found online at [www.raleighinfant.co.uk](http://www.raleighinfant.co.uk)



## Phonics

We will be continuing to embed our knowledge of Phase 2 **Phonics** this half term and in addition, we will learn new **Phase 3 Phonics**. We will be learning new graphemes and tricky words, as well as practicing the skills of oral blending, word reading, and spelling.

Make sure to check Tapestry each week to see what we have learnt and how you can support at home. Scan the code above for a link to the **Little Wandle** Parents Area. Regular practice will support your child's reading!

## Our Key Focus

### PSED



One of our focus areas for this half term is developing the children's Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED). This involves children learning to develop positive relationships, manage their feelings and behaviour, care for their basic needs, and more. In turn this will further help children's listening and attention skills, and general learning.

#### How could you help at home?

- Play some board games, and practice taking turns. Discuss feelings when losing as well as winning.
- Encourage your child to get dressed independently, including putting on shoes and coats.
- Encourage your child to help with jobs around the house, such as tidying away messes.
- Remind your child of basic manners such as saying please and thank you.

## Literacy



In **Literacy**, we use 'Drawing Club' to develop children's fine motor skills, creative thinking, alongside their writing. Our key texts this half term will be '**Aliens Love Underpants**' by Claire Freedman & Ben Cort, '**How to Catch a Star**' by Oliver Jeffers, and '**Night Monkey, Day Monkey**' by Julia Donaldson.

When practicing writing at home, please encourage your child to use their growing phonics knowledge to spell. In Reception words do not need to be spelt correctly, just 'phonetically plausible'.

## Mathematics



In **Maths** this half term we will be building upon the skills developed last half term. Our key mathematical learning themes will include developing our **subitising** skills, **matching** and **ordering** numerals, exploring the **composition** of numbers, and **comparing** amounts.



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