

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Spring term! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. We are looking forward to bringing our curriculum to life, and we would love your support in doing so.

Last week we shared with you the curriculum maps for your child's class which give you lots of information about what your child will be learning in school this term. If you have any expertise, hobbies, or careers that could enrich our lessons, we'd be thrilled for you to share your knowledge with the children. Whether it's through a talk, demonstration, or even a class project, your involvement will help create a more engaging learning experience for everyone. Please reach out to us if you're interested in contributing - we truly appreciate your support!

If you think you may be able to support with the topics below or know someone who could please let the school office know-

Subject Area	Who might be able to help?
Art - Weaving	Artists and crafters
Explorers (Space)	Historians
Stone Age to Iron Age	Historians
Geography continents	Well-travelled grownups and map readers
Science - Light and materials	Electricians

Warmest regards,

Miss Coombe

*Some important information for next week-*

**Forest School Dates** – Wednesday 22nd January (Hazel and Chestnut). Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> (Oak and Chestnut), 26th February (Hazel and Chestnut)

*SATs Booster Club – Tuesday and Friday 8am start*

*Sports Club – Tuesday and Thursday 3.15 – 4pm*

# West Alvington Academy Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

## Chestnut - Nursery



### Wow Words!

We will introduce and explore new and exciting words with the children. Some we have been using...



TAPESTRY  
ONLINE LEARNING  
JOURNAL

### Tapestry Tuesdays!

It would be wonderful if you could all upload a photo from your adventures over the weekend for our Tapestry Tuesday! It doesn't need to be something extra special; it could just be a walk in the woods or even snuggling up for a family movie night.

We can't wait to see!

Unfortunately Baby/Toddler group will not take place next week (Thursday 23rd January), we look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

## Hazel Years R-2

It has been lovely seeing everyone back since Christmas, we have already done so much learning!  
In History, we have started our new topic on explorers. We were thinking about timelines and when things happen in history, we had to create our own timelines and say what happened before we were born and after we were born.

In Geography, we have been learning about the continents and being able to name all of them.

We learnt great song to remember them!

In Computing, we have been using BeeBots and programming them to move.



### Spellings – KS1 only :

Year 1: off, well, miss, buzz

Year 2: badge, edge, dodge, fudge

- Reading

Reading is key to everything your little one will do in school, and we want every child to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is key to this. Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWinc book bag book and library book. It is important that they read the book bag book with you at least three times a week. Library books are important for their reading comprehension. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.

*RWinc book bag book and completed reading record due in: Thursday*

*New books : Friday*

### Oxford owl:

*You will have all received your Oxford Owl logins, there will be a quiz set on there for your child to complete by next Thursday*



Reception children:

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Star of the Week!



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Ella-Mae for such super maths this week,  
well done 😊



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 98%

Well done Everyone!

## Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

This term, our science topic is Light. The children will be investigating how light travels, how we see things and the role of reflection and refraction. They'll also be learning about shadows and how they are formed. Some fun experiments are planned to help the children better understand these concepts, including exploring how light interacts with different materials.

In geography, we will be focusing on the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The children will learn about the differences between the two hemispheres, how seasons vary across the world and the geographical features that make each hemisphere unique. They will also be introduced to the equator, the poles and the concept of climate zones.

We are looking forward to an engaging and enriching term and we hope the children are just as excited as we are about these new topics!

Thank you for your continued support and here's to a fantastic Spring term ahead!

Home Learning

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

### Reading

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please

record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read and remind the children to bring their reading diaries into school every day.

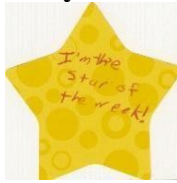
### Home Learning

This week, as part of our English – writing to inform, the children have been asked to carry out a 'Blubber Experiment'. They are bringing home instructions to complete the task. Thank you for your support.

### Spellings

Each week I will be giving children the spellings, which we have learnt in class together, to bring home. Please ask them to explain the spelling rule to you and challenge their fluency in spelling the words.

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Ethan Sly

For your super writing and presentation in English and Science! Well done Ethan 😊

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#### Dates for your Diary

22<sup>nd</sup> January – Chestnut & Hazel Class Forest School

29<sup>th</sup> January – Oak Class Forest School

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half Term

10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 & 6 Residential