Happy New Year! We are very excited about 2019 in Reception and all the fantastic learning that will take place this year.

Learning in the Spring Term

Our topic in the first half of the term is; ‘When I Grow Up’. We will have a Launch Day for this topic on Wednesday 16th January when children are invited to come to school as something they would like to be when they grow up! We look forward to seeing the children’s costumes and hearing their ideas. There will be Job Centre and Recruitment Agency role play areas in the classrooms where children can have their skills and interests assessed and be matched to their ideal job! We will continue our work of writing labels, captions and sentences and will be completing Phase 3 phonics in this term. In maths, we will build on our knowledge of Number to widen our skills in adding and subtracting. We will continue to learn about shape, measure, time and money through play-based activities.

After half term, we will be exploring the topic; ‘Fact Detectives’ Children chose the topic of ‘The Jungle’. We will learn where information can be retrieved from such as in books and from computers. Children will learn how to ask a good question and follow their own interests. In maths, children will start to apply their knowledge to answer worded problems related to our topic. Throughout the term we will be using technology to support our learning more by using Ipads, laptops and programmable toys.

Workshops

We have a number of workshops for parents in the Spring Term Please keep an eye on Friday Flyers and the school website for further information on these.

Diversity Week

We look forward to celebrating Pelham’s diversity on the 29th March. We will be looking for parents to come into school and tell the children about different cultures and countries. We will also build on our work in the Autumn Term of different types of families.
**Reading**

Please remember to read every day with your child, this really does make such a difference to your child’s learning. Please sign and make comments in your child’s reading record and ensure both their school book and reading record book is in their book bag every day.

**Wow moments!**

- Please remember to e-mail us any fantastic learning from home to wowmoments@pelham.merton.sch.uk
- We loved receiving photos from your Summer via this e-mail address, please do send some to us if you haven’t yet.

**Characteristics of Effective Learning**

In the Spring Term we will be focusing in the following Characteristics of Effective Learning.

- **I can find ways to solve problems like Superworm.**
- **I think of my own ideas like Winnie the Witch.**
- **I keep going, even when I find things tough like Try Again Trevor.**
- **I can choose new ways of doing things like Lola.**

Best wishes,

Miss Garst in and Mr Jones