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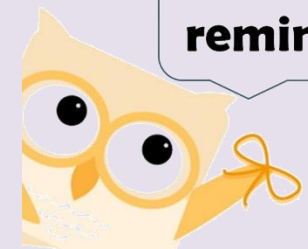
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Key information

School Trips/Experiences

- Now> Press> Play (An adventure)
- Phase Trip:
 - This half term we are going to visit Clissold Park and will be travelling by bus.
 - Date: Wednesday, 13th of February 2019
 - Time: Half day, leaving at 9:15am. Returning to school by 11:45am.

Important dates and Celebrations:

School Dates

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 15th February
First day back at school: Tuesday 26th February
Last day of Spring 2: Friday 5th April 2pm Finish

Sharing assemblies this term – Tuesdays 9:00am

- 15.01.19 – Silver Birch Sharing Assembly
- 29.01.19 – Willow Tree Sharing Assembly
- 12.02.19 – Maple Tree Sharing Assembly
- 05.03.19 – Oak Tree Sharing Assembly
- 19.03.19 – Plum Tree Sharing Assembly

Every Friday is Family Friday between 8:45-9:15am. Families are welcome to come and read with their children in the Early Years.



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RISE UP



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you are as excited as we are for a term full of fantastic learning in Reception. We welcome our new Reception teacher, Alex Hurst in Pear Class. This term we are focusing on learning about transport and adventure. Please talk to your children about different forms of transport, journeys to school and other special places. We'd also love to see you in our classrooms for Family Friday, this is a great opportunity to talk to your child's teacher, look at their Wonderful Workbook and read together.

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