



Dear parents,

What a great first term in Wisteria Class we all had! We have loved exploring our new space in the Pelican building - we are so lucky to have this dedicated space and natural outdoor area. The autumn term saw us exploring the local environment on 3 separate occasions, with our last outing being the excellent trip to the Pantomime. The children were exceptionally well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

This term, we will be focusing on the topic **“5, 4, 3, 2, 1... Blast off!”**

During this topic, we will be exploring space. Our learning journey will involve exploring the moon landing, creating props to re-enact this key event, as well as comparing and contrasting the two. We will also investigate the work of Stephen Hawking and black holes.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> we will visit the Winchester Science Centre - an excellent outing to explore space further. During the trip, we will experience an exciting workshop on making rockets as well as exploring the moon in the planetarium.

### Dates for your diary this term

Date	Event
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Payment due for Outing
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Outing to Winchester Science Centre

Look forward to seeing you this term,

Yours faithfully,

Miss N Hipgrave  
EYFS Teacher.

# Spring Term 1 in Reception



## Maths

In maths, we will focus on compositions on numbers to 5. We will be comparing 2 different groups and looking at how many we have altogether. We will challenge ourselves by investigating 2 groups when one group is hidden. Towards the end of the term, we will be exploring mass, looking at capacity and weight.

## Literacy

During our literacy lessons, we will focus on Fantastic Foundations, where children have a focus book for the week. Children will explore a few pages at a time, undertaking immersive sessions to promote discussion before writing simple words and phrases based on the story.

## Science

This term, we will be exploring rockets! We will consider how a rocket can reach the moon, design our own rockets, create ideas and theories on how we can make our rockets fly. After, we will test these ideas and reflect on what worked well and what would be even better.

## DT

This term, we will be introducing woodwork to the children. They will be shown how to identify and safely use a hammer, saw and screwdriver. These sessions will be a 1:3 ratio with a teacher, with the exception of using a saw which will be 1:1 with a teacher. This knowledge will be used to design and create their own toys cars.

## PE

The children will be exploring dance during our PE lessons this term. We will be looking at ways of moving to music and creating a dance based on different music tempos.

## Art

This term, the children will be creating props to support our role play. We will be focusing on undertaking a moon landing performance similar to the first moon landing in 1969. The children will be exploring space pictures, creating space back grounds and making our own space helmets.

## PSHE

During our PSHE lessons, we will explore what we find challenging, setting goals and reviewing how we can achieve them.

## RE

In our RE lessons, we will be learning about different celebrations, looking specifically at Chinese New Year and Holi.

## History

This term, we will be exploring the 1969 moon landing. Children will learn about Stephen Hawking and Neil Armstrong, comparing their achievements and including them on our History timeline. We will be creating our own moon landing and comparing this to the first moon landing.