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Dear parents,

We had a great first term in Wisteria Class! 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 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 as well as creating props to re-enact this key event. The children will also investigate the work of Stephen Hawking and Black Holes.

On **Friday 20**th **January**, we will visit the Winchester Science Centre - an excellent outing to explore space further. Here, we will experience an exciting workshop on making rockets and explore the moon in the planetarium.

Dates for your diary this term:

| Date | Event |
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| Thursday 6 th January | Payment due for Outing |
| Thursday 20 th January | Outing to Winchester Science Centre |

I look forward to seeing you this term.

Yours faithfully,

Miss N Hipgrave EYFS Teacher.









Spring Term 1 in Reception

Maths

In maths, we will start with a focus on compositions on numbers to 5. We will then begin looking at numbers greater than 5 and comparing these before starting to look at the composition of numbers up to 10. Throughout, we will be comparing more and fewer before investigating and understanding positional language.

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 an immersive session 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. Afterwards, we will design our own rockets. creating ideas and theories on how we can make our rockets fly. Later, we will be testing these ideas and reflecting 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.

This knowledge will be used to design and create their own toys cars.

<u>PE</u>

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

Art

This term, the children will be exploring form through playdough and clay. They investigate how clay feels and how we can manipulate it to create a variety of textures. The children will create their own clay globe, selecting appropriate colours to paint the world.

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

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 key individuals such as Neil Armstrong and Stephen Hawking, 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.

















