



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2

Reception

A warm welcome back to school. We hope you have had a lovely half term. Our topic this term is Space - Above and Beyond. We will be learning about the planets in our Solar System, Neil Armstrong and Yuri Gagarin. We will also be learning about gravity and the sun. We have lots of fun activities planned as part of this topic, so we are really looking forward to it.

Dates and Things to Remember

PE: Reception P.E. days will remain as Thursdays and Fridays. Thursday session is an indoor Gymnastics lesson and Friday is an outdoor Games lesson. Please bring your child's PE kit to school. We can keep your child's PE kit on their pegs until the end of this half term. Please label all items to make it easier for us.

Water bottles - Your child will need to bring in a water bottle to use throughout the day. Please ensure that it is clearly named. These will be sent home daily.

Snack - We are part of the school's fruit scheme, so we have fruit available for morning break. If your child would prefer a different healthy snack, then please put this in their book bag.

Milk: We will give children milk if they are on the milk list. If you would like your child to be offered milk and they are not currently on the milk list, then please contact the office.

Coats - Please ensure that your child has a coat with them at school. The weather at this time of year changes quickly and we like to get the children outside as much as possible.

Junk Modelling - As part of our Wow Day for this topic, we will be using junk modelling to make rockets so it would be great if you could bring in to school any recycling you have. Date to be confirmed. Many thanks.

Our Value for this month is Forgiveness

Literacy

We have been busy learning our sounds and we are now moving on to blend the sounds together to read simple words. In writing, we are going to be using our knowledge of sounds to write two and three letter words moving to simple sentences. Through listening to stories, the children are going to be developing comprehension skills in answering why questions and sequencing events in a story.

We will continue to read with your child on their assigned day and will communicate progress in their reading book. Your child will also continue to bring home a book they have chosen from the

Maths

In Maths, we will be exploring numbers further focusing on one more and one less than a given number to 5 and then 10. We are going to be learning about the properties of 2D shapes as well as patterns around us.

Nativity

It's that time of year when reception begin to practice for the Nativity. So, listen out for all the great songs that they will be learning. We look forward to performing to you on Tuesday 16th December at 9.15am.

Topic : Show and Tell

For our topic this term, Above and Beyond, the children can bring in a Show and Tell about Space. This could either be something they have made, drawn, a book or a fact they have learnt about the Solar System.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me at any point over the term if you have any issues that you would like to discuss. You can contact me on Tapestry or via the office.