



Dear Parents,

This term we are really looking forward to working on the topic 'To infinity and beyond' as a class. Wagtails will be learning about the solar system and space exploration as they use our new role-play rocket and mission control station. The children will have the opportunity to dress up as astronauts and to consider whether there might be life on other planets.

We have some fantastic new class books including space fact books and history books, which the children will be able to enjoy in our newly constructed "Reading Rocket." We will be using some of these books and stories to promote exciting writing including inventing and describing aliens and diary entries from an astronaut! We have some longer stories to enjoy on a daily basis, the book that we are currently reading as a class is always displayed on the little notice board next to the bookshelves in our classroom.

Our science learning for this term is based on plants and what they need to grow. We will be applying this knowledge as we care for our own seeds and, hopefully, young plants. Wagtails will also consider how the seasons change on planet Earth.

As historians, the Wagtails will learn about the first moon landing and male and female astronauts that have shaped space exploration. Geography sessions will focus on map work and also why Cornwall has been selected to host a spaceport.

Art and DT lessons this term will involve using colour mixing skills to paint an alien, using recycled materials to create a space exploration vehicle. The children will also learn how to use sliders or levers in their construction work.

In PE we will be exploring our space theme through dance sessions, some gymnastics and also working on netball skills. We also have a daily wake and shake routine or a ten-minute run. Please ensure that your child has their named PE kit in a bag on their cloakroom peg. Several children are missing trainers from their kit. We also require each child to have a pair of named wellies in school, particularly for when we use the woodland area for our learning.

RE for this term will cover aspects of Christianity, including Jesus as an historical figure and what Christians believe about Jesus. This will naturally lead into learning about the Easter story .

Thank you to all parents for your continued support and interest in your child's learning. We would be grateful if all children could practise reading with an adult at home at least 3 times a week. We will continue to test the children on their spelling and their maths goal (number bonds or times table). Please prioritise maths as much as spellings as this will underpin all maths work as they move through school.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead!

Kind regards

Becky Curtis and Emma Bateman (class teachers)

