

20th February 2017

Dear Parents

During the second half of the spring term we will continue exploring our wonderful world through stories and books. We will be exploring 'Up in Space, and 'Under the Sea'. We will also be incorporating lots of fun Science Experiments in order to celebrate British Science Week 2017.

We have planned a wide range of activities both inside and outside to include 'flying to the moon' in our very own spaceship. A spaceship designed and built with the assistance of George who was able to come into school during the holidays to help with this special project! RSM will also this term have live chicks in school and we are very excited about getting a chance to hopefully see them hatch, but if not, to definitely get a chance to hold them.

For our 'Wow Day' this half term the children are invited to come dressed in a home-made Easter Bonnet on the 31st March when we will have our very own Easter Bonnet Parade.

In keeping with Growth Mindset, we have decided to change our reward system in Kindergarten. We will no longer use the sun and cloud behaviour reward system. Instead each child will have a chance to receive a star sticker on a daily basis (twice daily for those children who stay all day). These stars will be rewarded for being a Have a Go Hippo, a Choosing Chimp or a Busy Bee. In other words for trying their best, working collaboratively and being a good team member. The Hippo, Chimp and Bee characters are in keeping with the Characteristics of Effective Learning.

We are pleased with the progress being made in getting the children to be more independent. After Easter, in preparation for Reception, it will be expected that all children come into Kindergarten independently. If you feel your child is ready and happy to come in independently now then please do encourage them to do so.

Dates for your diary:

Phonics Evening	Wednesday 22 nd February
World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March
Chicks in School	10 th March
Mother's Day Tea Party	Friday 24 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 24 th March
Lower School Easter Service	Thursday 30 th March
Easter Bonnet Parade	Friday 31 st March

Kind regards

The Kindergarten Team