## Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School





## Woodpeckers - Autumn Term 2, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what is going to be another fantastic half term with lots to learn!

Our main topic this half term is called 'To The Stars', and is all about Space and the Planets. We will be learning about our Solar System, how planets move and how we get our days and nights, seasons, lunar months and year.

In our English lessons we will be writing Space Journals from our own special missions, projecting into the future and describing what happens and who we meet. Children will then be writing a newspaper report to describe events from one of their classmates' missions.

In Design and Technology we will be making moving Moon Buggies with bespoke bodywork and will race them across the classroom!

Our P.E. this half term will again be Wednesday afternoons with Andy, and on Thursday. Please ensure that your child has an outdoor and indoor P.E. kit in school on these days. We will also be doing the Daily Mile when possible, but for this children will run/walk in normal footwear and clothing. Hannah Morgan will continue taking music lessons with the class on a Wednesday.

Please continue to encourage and support your child with reading for 20+ minutes every day at home, and to sign in their Reading Record at least once a week to confirm that they have been doing that. Homework times for Woodpeckers will still be as follows - Maths will be given on a Tuesday, and needs to be in the same Thursday. English/Topic will be given on a Friday and needs to be in the following Tuesday. Please ensure your child keeps to these times so that I can keep on top of the marking! Spellings will be tested on a Friday and a new list given out the same day.

I am looking forward to some fun learning with our brilliant new Topic, and let's not forget the build up to Christmas later on!

Mr Sharp

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