



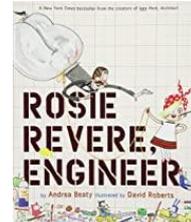
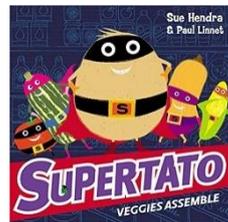
RECEPTION Mrs Ashton & Miss Austwick

We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas break and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year.

Spring is always an exciting term in Reception, in which we see the children develop further in independence and confidence when applying their developing phonics and maths skills. As always, we will continue to share our learning on Seesaw, and you can still contact us through the app.

I Can Reach Great Heights!

Reception will begin our next over-arching theme of 'I can reach great heights.' This term we will be exploring and celebrating difference. We will be finding out about different people and their jobs as well as learning that we can all have high ambitions and aspirations. The concept of resilience will play a big part of this theme; developing the understanding that if we encounter a problem, we will need to keep trying to overcome difficulties. These are just some of our key texts for the half term...



English:

We will continue to learn new sounds and apply the sounds we already know to blending and segmenting. The children will be learning a range of digraphs (two letters that make one sound e.g. *ch*, *sh*, *th*) and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound e.g. *igh*). Alongside this we will be learning to read the 'Tricky Words' *no*, *go*, *I*, *the*, *to*, *into*, *he*, *she*, *we*, *me*, *be*, *was*, *you*, *they*, *all*, *are*. Children will be practising writing their first names with the Greetland cursive script.

Maths:

We will be matching numerals to the given quantity to 20 and above and finding more or less than a given number, both practically and using a visual representation. We will also be using everyday language linked to time and days of the week, describing where objects are using positional language and begin to apply our developing knowledge of number to solve a range of different practical problems.

P.E:

On **THURSDAYS** please send your child to school in their PE kit. They will need to wear their red PE top, red school jumper/cardigan and red shorts. If the weather is cold, they can wear jogging bottoms or leggings. They will also need to wear trainers. If your child is wearing trainers with laces, they must be able to fasten their own laces due to hygiene.

Key dates:

Spring 1 return to school: Monday 4th Jan

Half term: Friday 12th February

Return to school: Monday 22nd February