

# Learning launchpad: Spring 1, 2024



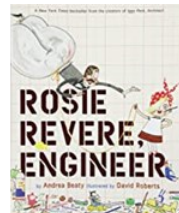
## Reception

### Mrs Khan, Mrs Rylands & Mrs Ashton

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 either in person at the beginning or end of the day or through the Key Stage One office.

### 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 continue to learn a range of digraphs (two letters that make one sound e.g. *ai*, *ee*, *oo*) and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound e.g. *igh*). Alongside this we will be learning to read the 'Tricky Words' *was*, *you*, *they*, *my*, *by*, *all*, *are*, *sure*, *pure*.

**Maths:** We will continue to use subitising skills to explore and deeply understand the composition of numbers within 10. We will also begin to develop our counting skills, organising and counting larger sets of a wide range of objects. Children will be able to use counting skills in a range of contexts, including counting things that cannot be seen (for example, the number of times a ball is bounced) or using counting to measure time (for example, when playing hide and seek).

### Key Dates:

**Return to School:** Monday 8th January

**Mental Health Week**—Monday 5th February

**Safer Internet Day**—Tuesday 6th February

**Half term:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**P.E:** On **Thursdays** please send your child to school in their PE kit. If the weather is cold, they can wear jogging bottoms or leggings.