

Spring 2 Newsletter

Reception – Redberry and Laurel



KEY DATES

24th February – INSET day

27th February – Redberry Phonics Party with parents/carers (see Class Dojo events).

3rd March – History Partake Visitor (Pirate adventure)

6th March – Laurel Phonics Party with parents/carers (see Class Dojo events).

6th March – World Book Day

12th March – Twycross Zoo trip.

25th & 27th March – Parent Consultations

4th April – Last day, Easter Holidays begin.

REMINDERS

PE is on a Friday – please send your child in their PE kit on this days. No logos / motifs on PE kits please. Earrings must be removed.

Please ensure that all clothing is named so that we can return it to your child if it gets lost.

Please do not send your child to school with toys from home to avoid it getting lost or broken.

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to another exciting term focusing on 'Understanding the world' with links to Geography.

We are so excited to welcome some new starters this term, we hope you settle in well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the EYFS team on ClassDojo or speak to us on the playground. As ever, we will be happy to help.





ENQUIRY



This half term, we will explore the question 'Where will my travels take me?'

We will begin the Enquiry by becoming immersed in a special History Partake adventure (theatre company) experience who will take us on an imaginary experience through the oceans to find the hidden pirate treasure!



We will then learn about the Capital City of London and which landmarks we would find there. We will know that Big Ben, The Shard, London Eye and The Underground are all famous London landmarks.



After this, we will learn about the South Pole and how a famous explorer, Sir Edmund Hillary famously explored this space.

We will then travel to Twycross Zoo to see animals that originate from across the world. We shall focus on Chinese animals (tiger/panda) and experience some Chinese culture and traditions.



MATHS

We will focus on numbers beyond 10, and understanding the composition of these numbers. We will also develop our knowledge of doubles and the concept of 'equal.' In week 5, we will learn about measurement such as 'full, empty, half full' through practical exploration and hands-on experimentation.

LITERACY

We will be reading 'Whatever Next!' by Gill Murphy. We will act the story out and then innovate it to showcase our new knowledge about London landmarks. We look forward to sharing our narratives once complete.

In week 4, we will begin reading 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. A penguin gets lost from Twycross Zoo and needs our help, just like the book. We follow some instructions to return the penguin and then use our knowledge of instructions genre texts to write a set of instructions for Nursery when they visit the zoo next year. We will spend time reading these to the Nursery children to get them excited about moving up to Reception!

KEY TEXTS

