

## Class Books

Our focus texts for this half term are 'Whatever Next', 'Aliens Love underpants' and 'Pirates Love Underpants'.

By the end of the term the children will be able to retell these stories in their own words and even be able to make up their own stories inspired by these books.



## Class Trips

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our transport and church trips last half term. This half term will be going on an air adventure on the Emirates Airline cable cars in Greenwich.

The letter outlining the details of this trip will be sent out nearer the time.

For this trip we take the London Underground and Overground to Greenwich. Some children do not have experience using the underground. It is a great idea, in preparation for this trip, to take your children on the Underground and teach them how to enter and exit the trains safely.



## Phonics

Our new phonic sounds this half term will be:

i\_e, o\_e, oo, ar, c, ou, ay, ea, or, ie,



We will continue to practice and apply our knowledge of the other digraphs (two letters which make one sound) from last half term:

ee or sh ch ng nk

We ask parents to help by supporting their child to continue reading these sounds and these words from sight:

they come some you  
your that them then  
love saw

## Maths

In numbers we will learn how to independently read and solve addition and subtraction number sentences. Your Child will learn to read and understand the maths symbols +, - and =. They will learn different methods to solve addition and subtraction problems including; counting on or back on a number line, combining groups of objects, and taking away objects.

In shape, space and measure we will be ordering items by capacity and using everyday language to talk about distance and time. They will begin to recognise different o'clock times and sequence familiar events based on these.



## WOW Vouchers



Please continue sharing WOW moments of learning outside of school. If you see your child doing something that makes you think WOW then write it down and bring it in to share with us. We have spares in the classroom.

## Junk Modelling

A massive thank you to all the parents that brought in recyclable items for junk modelling last term.

We do not need any more recycling materials at this point, but may ask for more later in the term.



## Literacy

In reading this half term we will be focusing on reading simple sentences. We will be learning to use words and forms of speech which are influenced by our experiences of different stories. We will also be learning that information can be retrieved from books, such as non-fiction texts, and computers.



In writing we will be practising our letter formation and writing in full sentences using finger spaces. Your children will write a range of words using their knowledge of phonics and will also spell irregular words correctly through their growing knowledge of 'red' words.

You can help at home by making sure your child completes their homework each week, reading with your child each day, and by providing lots of opportunities for them to write in sentences.

## Homework and Reading Books

Reading books are changed on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. It is important to read with your child everyday.

All homework must be completed and returned on **Tuesday** to ensure it can be marked and changed before Friday.

## Dates to Remember:

20th March (8.55am) Reception Class Assembly  
24th and 26th March Parents Evening.  
25th Cable car class trip.  
1st April Easter performance at St Lukes  
3rd April Parents in class

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact me directly or book a longer appointment via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Miss Bell, and Mrs Ryan.



## St John and St James C of E Primary School Class Newsletter

Dear Reception Parents/ Carers,  
Welcome back to the new half term.  
We hope you had a great break!

This newsletter will give you some information about what we will be learning about over this half term.

## Adventures

For our topic this half term we will be learning about different adventures.

We will be learning about real and imagined adventures, including space exploration, arctic adventures and pirate adventures.



## Reminders

### Physical Education:

Please ensure your child's full PE kit is in school on Wednesdays. You are welcome to leave these on their pegs.

### Punctuality:

Our school day begins at 8.55am. It is important you arrive just before that time so that your child can begin learning straight away and so that the adults can begin teaching.

