



# St Philip Westbrook News

Year 2 Newsletter: Friday 8th September 2017

Autumn 1

**PE Kits** - Please ensure your child's PE kit includes clothing for outdoor PE too. See the policy on the website.

#### Reading stickers

Stickers will be given for home reading at least 3 times per week—please make sure you write in the reading record so we can check.

#### Healthy Snacks

Free fruit continues to be available in Y2, but children may bring in fresh fruit/vegetables or plain bread/toast if you prefer.

## Welcome to Year Two!

A warm welcome to Year 2! After a lovely, relaxing break we are all getting used to our new routines. The children are already beginning to settle into their new classes and we look forward to meeting you, the parents and carers too, at parent consultation later in the half term. We have tried to give you the information you need in this newsletter. If you have any other queries or concerns let us know straightaway.

### Our Learning

This half term we will be working on the theme of 'Healthy, Happy Me!' This project will allow us to get to know more about one another as we think about our families and our interests. The project will have a strong emphasis on Personal Social and

Heath Education (PSHE) as we learn about our emotional and physical well being. There will be lots of opportunities for fun, hands-on learning and we will have chance to extend our learning outside school with a visit to Tesco (dates to follow) linked to healthy eating.

### Curriculum coverage

Science: Investigating what we need to keep healthy

DT: Preparing healthy food

History: Washdays past and present. Kitty Wilkinson—establishing wash-houses in Liverpool

Maths: Place value—tens and ones.

English: Stories, instructions and recounts

RE: The Bible as a special book; Harvest

Art: Drawing/painting/printing

## Year 2 Homework

Homework is given to reinforce learning from school and establish good working habits. It can also give you an indication of how your child is doing and ways you can help if they are finding something tricky. Homework should not be onerous—the children work hard during the school day; remember they still need time to relax and play! No homework task should extend beyond 20 minutes (maximum).

**Reading** at home to an adult (minimum of 3 times per week)

**Spelling:** high frequency words (10 per half term) and 10 phonics spellings weekly to be tested on Friday

**Friday homework**—alternate weeks Maths/another subject. This needs to be returned by Thursday morning at the latest so it can be marked.

## Y2 Assessments

Statutory assessments will be completed at the end of the year to monitor achievement related to the National Curriculum at the end of key Stage 1. This will include tests for Reading, Maths and Spelling and Grammar to be completed in May. Please do not book any holidays during this period. More information about this will follow later in the year.

Don't forget to check our website for key events, dates, useful websites and photographs of our learning.