



St Philip Westbrook News

Year 2 Newsletter: Friday 12th January 2018

Spring 1

Cold Weather, Warm clothes

Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor clothing including a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf.

School Uniform

A polite reminder please about uniform—no nail varnish, tattoos or large hair adornments!

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 Back!

Welcome

It is difficult to believe we are already in the second week of January; hopefully it is not too late to wish you all a happy and healthy 2018. All the excitement of our Christmas play and celebrations seems quite distant and we have already enjoyed a super visit from Space Dome to launch this half-term's work. Please keep an eye on our class pages on the website over the course of the half term to keep up to date with what we are doing in school.

Our Learning

In our learning we have moved onto a cross curricular project largely based on space, entitled 'The Moon and Beyond'. This half term we will be learning about:

Science: Properties and use of materials

DT: Moving mechanisms

History: History of space travel and the moon landing

ICT: Programming

Maths: Measures and graphs

English: Using a greater range of sentence types and structures; evaluating and improving writing; developing comprehension skills.

Spelling: Word suffixes

Homework:

Spelling: Half termly high frequency words and weekly spellings.

Reading: 3 times per week. Please take time to ask questions and discuss the story to ensure comprehension.

English: This will be based on the grammar and punctuation we need to cover.

Maths: Number recall, including times tables.

SATS information

You will be aware that all children complete statutory assessments at the end of Y2. We are planning an information evening to tell you more about what these entail and to suggest ways you can support your child at home. The date for this will be 7th February at 5.00pm.

Please put this date in your diaries—we hope to see you there.

PE

All classes receive support from a specialist PE teacher in rotation. This half term Miss Birchall and Miss Ramsey's classes will develop games skills in badminton, whilst Mrs Kirk's class will be working on handball skills. In addition, each class will have a gymnastics session per week.