



# St Philip Westbrook News

Year 2 Newsletter: Friday 20th April 2018

Summer 1

## Times Tables

We continue to test times tables weekly. Please keep practising 2s, 5s and 10s.

## Home Reading

Please don't forget to sign your child's reading record when you read at home so we can award weekly reading stickers.

## School Uniform

Please check your child's clothing is labelled clearly with their name, including PE Kit.

## Welcome to Summer!

We hope you have had a good, relaxing Spring break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the move into the Summer Term. This is an extra busy period for us in Year 2 as we complete end of year assessments alongside our usual learning activities.

This half term's project is called 'Wonderful Westbrook' and it explores the geography of the local area in which we live. We will be extending our studies beyond the facilities of the Westbrook Centre and considering the importance of green space and the natural environment in our locality. We'll also be learning about some of the recent changes in our area and the opportunities and problems that these can bring.

**Science:** Our investigations will focus on the growth of plants. We have recently purchased some new handheld microscopes and will be using these to develop our observation skills.

**Art:** We will build on our observations through drawing and using nature as a source of inspiration.

**Music:** We will listen to music inspired by nature as well as creating simple compositions of our own.

**RE:** The main focus will be on the celebrations around Ascension and Pentecost, and the importance of the gift of God's Holy Spirit.

**English:** We will be firing up our imaginations as we create some fantasy stories, choosing our words carefully to bring them to life.

**Maths:** We will complete units on time and shape, as well as revisiting previous learning, solving everyday problems.

## The Great Outdoors

PE will be based outdoors as, hopefully, the weather improves. We will be preparing for Sports Day by developing our agility and challenging ourselves to improve our performance. In addition, we are planning some team-based outdoor activities to practise our basic map and orienteering skills.

Please make sure your child has full kit, including trainers in school on PE days. Details of these are given on our class pages.

## Assessments and Absence

Statutory assessments need to be completed within the month of May. We can be flexible with arrangements for these, it is very much an on-going process. Please let us know of any known planned absence, for example for medical reasons, so that we can make adjustments to our timetable, if needed. Thank you for your co-operation.