



# St Philip Westbrook News

Year 1 Newsletter: Friday 12th January 2018 Spring 1

PE kits need to be in school all week.

Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school each day.

## Our Learning

### Welcome

Hello everybody and welcome back. We are really pleased with how the children have settled back in. Please keep looking at our class pages on the school website to find out more.

Many thanks,  
Year 1 teachers

### Our Learning

This half term our project will be "Animal Kingdom...Grrr! This will include:

Science: Animals including humans, classifying animals, female scientist Jane Goodall.

DT: Choosing appropriate resources and tools to create safari jeep vehicles. Evaluating our work.

RE: God & Creation, Easter.

Geography : Contrasting hot and cold habitats, animal adaptation, continents.

Art: Collage, patterns. Henri Rousseau.

ICT: Creating and publishing, animating pictures, creating a story, using the keyboard.

PE: Football, Ball skills.

Miss McKinnon's class will also have Dance.

English: Julia Donaldson animal

stories, non-fiction animal reports.

Maths: Numbers to 40 including word problems and multiplication, shape patterns.

We will also be visiting Knowsley Safari Park!

### Homework

The children will receive a piece of homework and a set of spellings each Friday. These must be completed and returned to school by the following Wednesday.

We will also send home phonic bookmarks each week that will match the sounds we have looked at in class. Please continue to practise these at home.

Please continue to practise the maths passport targets.

Children will also bring home a reading book. This may be changed as often as required. Children should read at least three times a week at home. Please record in their reading record each time your child reads to enable them to achieve their sticker.

### Phonics

You may be aware that every child in Year 1 will take the Phonics Screening test in June next year. The children will be required to blend a variety of real and pseudo words. We have already begun working on this during our phonics lessons. Further information and practice materials will be sent home over the course of the year.

Thank you for your support.

PE days are:

Mondays and Thursdays (KA)

Wednesdays and Thursdays (LM)

Tuesdays and Thursdays (JK)

Please ensure all children come to school with a water bottle.

Fresh fruit is available every day for morning snacks. If you would prefer to provide your own snack please ensure it reflects a healthy choice (fresh fruit, vegetables or toast). Please do not send biscuits, crisps, jellies or cereal bars.

Children should have their book bags in school every day with their reading record. We will soon be giving each child a green spelling book which needs to stay in their book bag.

### Additional information

During this half term, some of our PE sessions will be outside. Please ensure your child has their outdoor kit. Details for this can be found on our school website. Please ensure earrings are removed or covered for PE sessions.

The school gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am each morning. Please ensure your child is in school on time as they have a morning task to complete.

Knowsley Safari Park visit will take place on Thursday 8th February 2018. Please see trip letters for more information.