



St Philip Westbrook News

Year 3 Newsletter: Friday 8th September 2017

Autumn 1

Homework needs to be handed in on a Thursday.

Read 3 times a week.

Toast money should be handed in each Monday in an envelope with your child's name.

Our Learning

To begin the year we are going back in time to the earliest recorded humans, and learning about what life was like in the Stone Age. Over the course of the half term we will jump forwards thousands of years to look at the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We will use a range of story books linked to this topic to excite the children and spark their imaginations in English lessons.

We will be developing our use of conjunctions to extend our ideas. We will also look at using adjectives to add detail to our story writing.

In maths, we will be focusing on place value, addition, subtraction and word problems. To challenge children we will ask them to:

- Verbally explain mathematical thinking in their own words
- Draw a picture or diagram to communicate what they have done
- Continue to explore without prompting

Our artwork will focus on buildings, and we will use the work of Paul Klee to inspire the children. We will replicate his style to create art that represents famous Warrington landmarks. Keep looking at our class pages to see the children at work, and see their finished pieces.

In design and technology, the children will imagine that they are Stone Age hunter gatherers and design and make their own bag. They will design their own product, stitch their own piece of fabric, and evaluate the usefulness and effectiveness of their finished bag.

PE

Mrs Hogan and Mrs Unsworth and Mrs Thorrington's classes will focus on gymnastics and multiskills. Miss Evan's class will focus on multiskills and tennis.

In multiskills, children will develop agility, balance and coordination through a number of games including football.

In gymnastics, we will focus on balance and travel. Children will develop their gymnastic skills and create a sequence of movements to perform to music.

In tennis the children will learn how to serve and return a ball, and how to position themselves to hit the ball.

Science: Rocks & Soils

This is one of our favourite science topics. The children will have the opportunity to develop many investigative skills, exploring which type of soil drains best, observing the features of a range of different rocks, and thinking about which type of rock would make the best spear head.

We will also learn how soil is made, and think about why it is so important.

Please provide your child with a healthy snack, as free snack is not provided in KS2..

