



St Philip Westbrook News

Year 3 Newsletter: Friday 10th November 2017

Autumn 2

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

Lots of us love to holiday in Spain, and we enjoy learning Spanish. To develop the children's interest in this exciting culture, we are going to spend this half term learning about the similarities and differences between the lives of people in Spain and our own.

In geography, we will use an atlas to identify countries in the northern hemisphere and capital cities of European countries.

We will continue to focus on Spain in our art lessons. The Spanish artist Juan Miro will be the inspiration for our own designs. We will use paint to create a finished piece, and will learn how to mix our own secondary colours using poster paints.

Our science topic is

skeletons and muscles. Children will learn how our bones and muscles help us to move. They will think about patterns that may exist. For example: Are people with longer arms stronger? The children will design investigations to explore their own questions.

We will continue to focus on calculation in maths. We will learn to use written methods to multiply $TU \times U$ and divide TU by U . We will practise these throughout the half term, and recap addition and subtraction, and then solve word problems using all four operations.

We will focus on non-fiction writing in English lessons. We will look at the features of reports, and research facts from books and the internet. To write our own reports we will group these facts and use subheadings to organize our ideas.

PE

Dance—To tie in with our Spanish topic, we are going to learn the flamboyant flamenco. Children will work in groups to choreograph their own routines, incorporating poses, movements, jumps and kicks. Each class will perform their completed routine, at the end of the term, to the other classes.



Basketball—We will focus on team work, considering how we can be fair when playing a team game, and how we can encourage each other to ensure success. Children will learn a range of passes.

Design and Technology:

Spanish Breakfast

The children will learn about some factors of Spanish life, and to support this we will offer children the opportunity to experience some typically Spanish foods. Children will explore Spanish breakfasts and use this new knowledge to help them to plan their own Spanish breakfast. We will make these, and evaluate them to consider how they could be developed further.

Please make sure that you bring a coat each day. We will be outside even if it rains.

