



St Philip Westbrook News

Year 5 Newsletter: Friday 10th November 2017

Autumn 2

Please remember homework needs to be completed and handed in by **Wednesday**. Please ensure you check that your child's homework is with them, and that work is completed neatly in black pen or blue pen. They will **always** have spelling and dictation. Maths and English will alternate.

Our Learning

This half-term we move from North America to South America, as we begin our Maya topic in History. We will be learning all about life in this ancient civilisation and comparing it with our own lives.

In Maths, we will be using our multiplication and division skills, to solve harder equations. This will involve using a variety of vertical methods. It is essential that all the children are familiar with their times tables up to 12×12 and their division facts. Everyone should be able to recall these facts a bit faster now—get practising!

In RE, we will be looking at Jesus as a teacher.

Later on in the half-term we will think again about the birth of Jesus and what this means to us.

We will continue to develop our Programming skills in ICT. We will also use the iPads for a variety of lessons, including Guided Reading, History and Science.

We're very excited about our Science topic this half-term. We are exploring forces and we will be visiting the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester, to have some fun with forces and flight!

We will continue PE with Miss Stubbs and the class teachers. We will be indoors and outdoors, so please ensure your child has a full indoor and outdoor kit with them every day.

Christmas is Coming!

There is so much to look forward to, as the Big Day draws ever nearer. In the next week, we will be deciding parts for our Y5/6 play, so watch out for lines and songs which need to be learnt.

What you need

All children should now have daily:

- Water bottle
- PE kit
- **Reading book/Reading Record**
- Coat—really important, as the days get colder.

Toast

Toast should be paid every **Monday** in a named envelope.

Brrrrr!

As the weather gets colder, please make sure every child has a coat in school, every day. Gloves, scarf and hat will be useful on chillier days.

Thank you!

All uniform, including PE kit, needs to be named. Please can you check that every item of clothing you send into school is clearly labelled with your child's name.