

# **St Philip Westbrook News**

### Year 1 Newsletter: Friday 3rd March 2017

Spring 2

Reminders: PE Kits need to be in school all week.

Reminders: Please read at least 3 times per week and practise phonic blending.

Reminders: Continue to practise all the maths passport targets.

#### Our Learning

## This half term's project is 'Animal Kingdom' GRRRRR!'

We can't wait to visit Chester Zoo and learn about lots of different animals!

We began our project by researching Jane Goodall and her studies on chimpanzees. Within English we will be reading different Julia Donaldson stories about animals and writing non-fiction reports. We will also enjoy writing about our trip to the zoo.

In Maths, we have begun to learn about division and multiplication. We will also be learning about time and money. Please practise telling the time at home and recognising and counting coins.

In Year 1, we love Science! We will be learning about animal and human body parts and classifying animals into mammals, reptiles, fish and birds.

We are looking forward to British Science Week starting the week commencing 13th March, when we will be doing lots of exciting experiments!

In Spanish, we are learning about the Noah's Ark animals. We will be naming them, counting them and describing them using Spanish vocabulary.

In PE, we are continuing our dance lessons and focussing on making controlled shapes, jumps and sequences in gymnastics, and trying to improve our own skills.

In RE, we will be learning about God & Creation followed by Easter: Celebrating New Life.

Music this half term will cover Rhythm in the Way We Walk and Banana Rap.

In Geography we will be learning about hot and cold countries.

In Art we will be painting animal prints.

Parent consultations will be Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th March.

Science week is Monday 13th March 2017.

Miss Ashton's class assembly is on the 9th March at 9.00am.

Red Nose Day is the 24th March: wear a onesie or PJ's.

#### Miss Ashton's visit to South Africa



I had a fantastic time visiting our partner school Masizani Primary in Pretoria and working with the staff and children. Mrs Hogan and I started a linked project called 'Zero Waste'. It was such a privilege to play a part in strengthening the partnership between the two schools. The children loved learning about each other. We learned that, although we have many cultural differences, we share the same Christian values.

Thanks to all the children for their fantastic home learning homework. You have worked so hard and we are very impressed by the different ways you have presented your learning.



Reminders: Chester Zoo visit will be on Monday 6th March. Please wear sensible shoes and a warm coat.