



# St Philip Westbrook News

Year 5 Newsletter: Friday 3rd March 2017

Spring 2

We would like to remind you that children should have a water bottle in school each day. They are able to fill this with water only.

PE kits need to be in all week. Please provide an outdoor and indoor PE kit, including pumps.

## Our Learning

In Maths, we will be learning about decimal numbers, percentages and later moving on to geometry. We will learn to: write decimal numbers of up to three decimal places, recognising each place value; compare and find percentages of amounts; and investigate and draw angles of common shapes.

In English, we will be incorporating our half term topic of Mayan history into our lessons to produce fact sheets, tourism guides and instruction writing. Our main grammar focus will be our use of commas to avoid ambiguity.

Continuing with our theme of Mayan history, we will be designing & building containers to secure our Mayan treasure, exploring where the Mayans lived and researching their culture.

Our science topic this half term is all about living things and their habitats. We will learn about the life cycle of

animals and plants, and why they suit their habitats.

RE this half term will be all about Easter. We will consider what it is to be victorious, linking our Christian values to why the resurrection of Christ can be considered victorious.

In PE this half term, we will be developing our athletics skills, focussing upon running, jumping and throwing.



## Performing Arts Network



On Wednesday 22nd March, 30 of the children from both classes will be performing at the Parr Hall as part of the PAN festival. There

will be 8 other schools as part of the event. Our theme this year is 'imagine a day when you lived under the sea'.

We will be working with Miss Williams, our dance teacher, Mr Callaway and Mr Scott on our performances throughout the next two weeks.

We are all looking forward to the performance!

This half term, both classes will be working with Mr Callaway to learn all about Samba, which originates from South America. The children have performed as part of a Samba band, and will be performing their own compositions.

Mrs Dunning will be preparing children for Confirmation for those whose parents expressed their wish for their child to take part. Slips must be returned as soon as possible.