



# St Philip Westbrook News

Year 3 Newsletter: Friday 2nd March 2018

Spring 2

Homework needs to be handed in on a Thursday.

Read 3 times each week and sign your child's reading record.

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

## Our Learning

This half term, our topic is science based. In Year 3, we are going to learn what it takes to be a real scientist. We will plan our own investigations, record results, and think about what our results tell us. We will also use our maths skills to record our results in bar graphs using a range of scales.

PE: Throwing skills— Children will learn to throw javelin, shot-put and hammer. This will link to our summer athletics topic, but will provide children with the opportunity to develop accuracy, technique, coordination and balance

Tennis— For our outdoor lesson, we will focus on receiving and returning the ball with increasing accuracy with the aim of winning a point.

In our geography lessons we will be looking at maps. We will draw our own maps and use a

compass to find our way around the school building and an imaginary map.

We will begin a new topic in Maths, focusing on time. In Year 3, we learn to tell the time to the nearest minute using an analogue clock. We will also solve word problems linked to time, finding how long journeys take, and solving timetable problems.

We will continue to focus on narrative writing in English lessons. We will look at the features of stories, in particular speech, and how it can be used to develop characters and a plot. The story, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' will be our stimulus.

Our art focus is sketching. Children will use popular cartoons techniques to draw facial expressions.

Easter provides the focus of our RE topic, Joy, Sadness, Joy. Children will plot the emotions which were experienced at different parts of the Easter story.

## Maths Apps

We would like to recommend these 2 free apps. They fit well with Year 3 expectations and are fun and easy to use.

### **DK 10 Minutes A Day Times Tables (app)**

This app is completely free! Many players can be added to the same account and progress is saved. There is the option to practise individual times tables, or you can practise a couple all at once. There are different levels of challenge.

### **Maths Rockx (app)**

We have installed the free version, which means we can access all of the 'Quiz' section. Here, children can practise all times tables up to 12x tables. To add to the challenge, children can choose to complete the quizzes within different time limits, which do require payment and which you may be interested in.

Class Pages: Keep checking our class pages for examples of our varied and exciting curriculum. We update them regularly so that you can see what the children have been up to.

Remember to bring a water bottle to school each day.

