



# St Philip Westbrook

## C of E Aided Primary School

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### Reception Newsletter – 26th April 2019

We hope you had a restful break. The children have returned full of enthusiasm for our final term together in Reception.

#### Imagine a Day...Under the Sea!

Our new project was launched this week and will focus upon the things that live under the sea, as well as a consideration of the things we can do to help look after our oceans and seas. To further support our learning we will be visiting the Blue Planet Aquarium on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please remember to return the permission slip if you have not already done so.

#### Language

This week we shared the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. We followed clues on sparkling fish scales around the classroom and these led us to our focus story. The children listened attentively to the story and were able to suggest some very thoughtful ideas linked to the type of character the Rainbow Fish was at the beginning of the story and how this changed towards the end. This led us to thinking about the qualities of a good friend. We wrote descriptive sentences and letters to our friends (and the Rainbow Fish) using all of our writing targets.

#### Maths

In our maths work we have been revisiting shape, pattern and measuring skills. We have been sorting and describing properties of 2D and 3D shapes, we designed repeating patterns for our friends to complete and we have been measuring lengths, times and weights to help us solve some problems linked to our new project.

#### Spellings

We are very pleased with the progress that children are making in their spelling of high frequency words and their growing ability to spell these correctly in their sentences. Our new focus spellings for this half term are:

look, day, him, his, but, can, back, of, if, off

Please continue to practise these at home. If your child is able to confidently spell all of the words correctly, try writing them in the context of a sentence.

#### School Trip

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May we will be taking the children to the Blue Planet Aquarium. Please ensure children arrive promptly at school by 8.50 so that we are able to leave the building by 9.15. We will return before the end of the school day. Children do not need to bring their book bags to school on this day, nor their water bottles as drinks will be provided. If you have chosen to send children with a packed lunch from home, please ensure that it is kept in a bag that can be disposed of after lunch. All children must wear their school uniform and bring a suitable waterproof coat with them. Thank you to all of the parents who offered to accompany us on this visit- we were overwhelmed by the number of volunteers!

Unfortunately we are restricted on the number that we can accept. All selected parent helpers will be notified next week by letter. Please arrive at school by 8.50 on the morning so that we can brief you on the timetable for the day, prior to our departure.

#### Sports Day

We will be having our Reception Sports Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May (weather permitting). The fun will begin at 2:00pm on the main field. Parents are welcome to attend to support their children. All children will be given a team colour and they are invited to attend school in their sports kits on that day, preferably reflecting the colour of their team!

#### Class Photographs

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May all Reception classes will be having a class photograph taken. This will then be available for you to purchase as a memento of the children's first year in school.

#### Technology Questionnaire

In order to improve our understanding and knowledge of your children even further, we have issued children with a short questionnaire linked to their use of ICT outside of our school setting. Technology seems to be everywhere these days and we are very interested to know what types of ICT (Information Communication Technology) your child uses. We have lots of different ICT available in our setting. It would help us to plan future activities if you could tell us a little bit about the technology your child uses at home/outside of school. Don't worry if you don't have any of the items listed - these just give us a starting point to plan fun future activities.

Thanks for your continued support,  
The Reception Team