



# St Philip Westbrook

## C of E Aided Primary School

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### **Reception Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

We are at the end of another very busy half term in Reception. We are very proud of the progress the children have made and look forward to making lots of memories and continuing to work hard in our final half term together!

#### **Literacy**

Last week, following our visit to the Blue Planet Aquarium, the children wrote lovely recounts to describe our trip. They remembered lots of important writing targets including capital letters, full stops and finger spaces and we were particularly impressed by their ability to spell lots of high frequency words. This week our literacy work has centred around the poetry book of 'Commotion in the Ocean'. The children have been investigating rhyming words and sentences, as well as beginning to devise their own shape and acrostic poems using lots of descriptive language.

#### **Maths**

Last week we assessed the children's problem solving skills through a series of number-based challenges. We explored number doubles, halving, counting on and back and some children even began to count in 2s and 10s! The children's number skills are progressing well. We are now focussing on the skill of being able to explain the methods we used to solve the problems. This week we mixed together our shape knowledge with our calculating skills. We revisited the properties of 2D shapes and used the number of sides they had as the basis for solving calculation problems. The children were able to name the shapes and confidently identify the number of sides. They then selected additional shapes and counted on to find the total number of sides of both shapes altogether.

#### **Spellings**

This week children have been re-assessed on words they spelt incorrectly in previous assessments, as well as their most recent set of spellings. Scores have now been sent home. Please continue to practise these words at home as we will be revisiting these words next half term. We will also be practising our new spellings. These spellings are:

they, all, are, my, let, will, this, then, that, went

#### **Sports Day**

Thank you to everyone who came to support the children last Monday. We had lots of fun and were very proud of the children. They demonstrated lots of enthusiasm and wonderful team spirit. We are pleased to confirm that the winning team was the Blue team!

#### **How does your Garden Grow?**

Our final project of the year will explore the things that seeds need to grow and investigate how we can grow our own food. The children will be learning about different types of fruits and vegetables, as well as finding out about where our food comes from. We are very excited about this project and have some exciting events planned!

#### **Parental Contributions**

Thank you to everyone who has continued to send in 'WOW' moments linked to children's learning and achievements outside of school. This information has been extremely useful in assisting us with our own assessments of the children's independent abilities. Please continue to inform us of these special moments. Homework books can also be used for recording evidence of children's learning for any additional independent work they choose to undertake outside of school.

#### **New Children**

Next half term we will be welcoming our new Reception children (September intake) into the classroom to spend some time with us. Our children will be leading tours of the classroom and helping the new children with their chosen activities. We know they will be wonderful role models!

We hope you have a relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June for our final half term together in Reception!

Thank you for your continued support

**The Reception Team**