



# St Philip Westbrook

C of E Aided Primary School

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## Reception Newsletter – 17th July 2020

It's hard to believe that we are reaching the end of the children's first year in school. It seems like only yesterday we welcomed lots of new faces into the classroom, nervous yet excited about the challenges of the year ahead. It certainly was not the year we had planned, but we couldn't be more proud of how well our brave and resilient children adapted to the challenges brought about by Covid 19.

### New Teachers

This week the children were introduced to their new Year One teachers. We had lots of excited faces in the classrooms as they watched the introductory videos from their new teachers. We hope that the children at home were just as pleased. These videos can be found on the individual class pages of our school website. To confirm, Miss Parsons' class will be going to Miss Cain, Miss Daley's class to Miss Lester and Mrs Vermiglio's class to Miss Birchall. To ensure a smooth transition into Year One in September, during the first few days in their new classes, children will also have the opportunity to spend some time with their former Reception teachers. We can't wait to hear about their Summer holiday antics and how they are enjoying their new classes in Year One.

### Language

Last week our learning took us to the USA! We learnt about the national parks of North America, as well as Disney World. The children enjoyed writing postcards home and annotating their own holiday selfies! This week we are learning about South Africa, with a particular focus on our partner school, Masizani Primary. The children have loved looking at photographs and videos of the school. We wrote sentences comparing our schools, as well as descriptions about our houses which we are sending over to Masizani for the younger children to share with their teachers. The children had to remember all of their writing targets in order to impress the children at Masizani with their wonderful writing skills. We were very impressed with their super writing!

### Maths

Over the last couple of weeks our maths work has had a number focus. We have been practising forming our numerals correctly, solving addition and subtraction problems by counting on and back and calculating number doubles.

Please continue to practise these skills at home.

### Spellings

Next week we will be setting the children their final spelling assessment task of the year. The spellings being assessed will be:  
they, all, are, my, let, will, this, them, that, went

Please refer to the 'Spelling Investigation' on the Reception Homepage to support children when practising these words.

### Summer Holidays

A number of parents have made enquiries regarding activities that they can do with children over the holidays to help prepare them for Year One. Please continue to read with the children over the Summer as their developing phonics skills will continue to be a priority on entry to their new classes. Please also find a supportive transition document attached with this newsletter which focusses on supporting children with their Personal, Social and Emotional Development skills.

We have had a wonderful (albeit short) year with the children and have thoroughly enjoyed watching them grow both socially and academically. We will miss them greatly and wish them lots of luck as they continue their learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support during these unsettling last few months. Our last day of term will be Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July and we look forward to children returning to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

We hope you all have a restful summer and we can't wait to see the children in September, refreshed and ready for the exciting challenges of Year One!

**The Reception Team**