



# St Philip Westbrook

C of E Aided Primary School

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## Reception Newsletter – 23rd April 2021

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

### How Does Your Garden Grow?

Our new project was launched last week and will focus upon the things that grow in our gardens, as well as a consideration of where our food comes from.

#### Language

This week we have been exploring an information book about plants. We have been finding out about the parts of a plant, as well as learning how a seed grows into a plant. This is in preparation for our science work where we will be planting seeds in different places and observing them over time to see which ones grow the best. We have enjoyed labelling pictures of plants and using our writing targets to write sentences about the roots, stem and flower.

#### Maths

Last week we worked hard on learning our teen numbers. We practised naming the numbers, ordering and writing them. This week we have been revisiting addition and the skill of 'counting on'. We have been solving some gardening problems by putting the first number in our head and then counting on to find our answer. We have also been recording our calculations in a range of ways, including pictures, number sentences and part-whole models.

#### 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.

#### Uniform

As the weather is getting warmer, children are choosing to take off their school jumpers and cardigans during the school day. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named to prevent children misplacing them. Some children are also bringing sun cream to school, which is not allowed. Please apply sun cream before children come to school.

#### Bookbags

We are delighted with the progress children are making in their reading. Please continue to send book bags into school on Mondays and Thursday so that children can change their reading books and share their developing reading skills with you at home.

#### Earth Day

We had a super day yesterday, celebrating our wonderful world. The children looked fabulous in their outfits and thoroughly enjoyed participating in discussions about how we can help to make sure our world stays wonderful. We designed posters and went for walks around school to help us think of ways in which we can help to make sure our local area remains a safe and beautiful place to be.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Reception Team