



St Philip Westbrook
C of E Aided Primary School
'Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly'

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Literacy

Over the last couple of weeks we have enjoyed sharing 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. The children really impressed us with their knowledge about how to look after seeds so that they grow into healthy plants. We wrote simple instructions about growing seeds and some children even made advice leaflets for seeds about staying safe, as in the story some of the seeds chose unsuitable places to grow! This week we have begun sharing 'I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato' by Lauren Child. The children are finding this story very funny, especially when the teachers took on the role of Lola (a very fussy eater) and explained why they don't like certain foods. Next week we are looking forward to writing our own versions of the story.

Maths

Last week we spent some time consolidating our understanding about the number ten. We explored a range of ways in which we can make ten by adding different amounts together. We also made our own ten frames and enjoyed filling these up with different combinations of numbers. This week we have been learning about 3D shapes. We have been practising using the shape names (cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder, pyramid, cone, prism) and have been conducting shape hunts around the inside and outside classrooms.

Spellings

Our new focus spellings for this half term are:

not, up, put, had, big, he, she, we, me, be

We will also be re-assessing children on any words they were unable to spell in our previous assessment. Please continue to practise these at home.

Phonics

Over the next couple of weeks, those children who are currently reading books in their phonics lessons will be bringing home login details for the Oxford Owl website (these can be found inside the front or back cover of children's reading records). Once children are logged in they will be able to access the 'Read Write Inc' e-books which match those they have shared in their phonics lessons. Ideally, we would like to send these books home at the end of the phonics lesson, however we only have a limited number of copies of these books in school. Children will continue to bring home a Read Write Inc Book Bag Book. Please ensure that these remain in children's book bags.

British Science Week

The children were very enthusiastic and eager to participate in a range of scientific investigations this week; we certainly have some budding scientists in Reception! Why not ask the children about why things float or sink? Can the children tell you what materials are waterproof or how you can find out? The children have also enjoyed learning about the ways in which we can help to look after our planet. They were especially passionate when we talked about the consequences of plastic pollution and global warming.

Spare clothes

Our stock of spare clothes is running extremely low. If children are sent home in spare clothes please ensure that these are washed and returned to school.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Reception Team