



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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Reception Newsletter – Friday 29th April 2022

We hope all our families had a restful Easter break. The children have returned full of enthusiasm, ready for our final term together in Reception. Hasn't time gone fast?!

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.

Literacy

Upon our return to school last week, each class received a package containing our new literacy text, 'Weirdo' by Zadie Smith and Nick Laird. The children have loved this story. It focusses on the importance of celebrating our differences and feeling proud of our uniqueness. To support the children in their writing, we have written sentences about the story and how the character feels, we wrote messages on kindness badges, and some of us even designed leaflets about being yourself. The children are applying their phonics brilliantly in their writing. We are now working hard on trying to remember our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Maths

Last week we began to investigate the numbers between 10 and 20. We practised counting to these amounts and writing the numerals. This week we have been exploring the composition of these amounts. We know that if a 2 digit number begins with a one, then it means the number itself is made up of a full ten and a few 'left over', e.g. 13 is made up of a 'full ten and 3 more'. The children have used ten frames, cube towers and part-whole models to investigate this further.

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.

Reading & Phonics

The children are continuing to work very hard in their phonics groups and are making very pleasing progress in their ability to 'Fred Talk' new words and read tricky words on sight. Please continue to support the children with the reading of their 'book bag books', and do let us know if children are having any problems with these.

Smithills Farm

After two years of being unable to take the children on school visits, we are delighted to let you know that we have booked a school visit for our Reception children, to Smithills Farm, on Wednesday 18th May. We cannot wait! This visit will support and reinforce the learning that is taking place in school with links to how we grow our food and where food comes from. The children will participate in a number of activities, including a tractor ride and a visit to the milking parlour. They will be able to hold and stroke the smaller animals, as well as feed some of the larger animals. This week you should have received a Ping message with details about this visit. As with all school trips, we will require some additional adults to come and support us on the day. If you are available to help, please do let us know. All adult helpers will be selected at random.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Reception Team