



St Philip Westbrooke
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 22nd July 2022

Swap Over Morning

This week the children spent a morning in Year One with their new teachers. They had a very exciting morning, exploring their new classrooms and participating in a range of activities linked to their first Year One project. The children returned to Reception full of enthusiasm and keen to share their experiences with their teachers.

Literacy

Over the last couple of weeks we have enjoyed sharing the story of 'Izzy Gizmo' by Pip Jones and Sara Ogilvie. This is a lovely story about a little girl who loves inventing things to help others. We used this book as our stimulus for designing our own inventions to help animals. Some of the children's wonderful ideas included a wagging tail for a happy dolphin, a magic feeder to feed dogs when their owners are at work and even some new elephant toes for elephants to wear if they tread on anything sharp! We wrote super sentences to describe our inventions using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

Maths

As we are approaching the end of the academic year, we have been busy revisiting concepts in our maths work. Last week we practised our adding and taking away skills by counting on and counting back. This involves putting the starting number in our heads and then counting on or back to solve the calculation. This week we have been practising our number doubles and our number formation, ensuring we always start at the top and that our numerals face the right way round.

Spellings

We are now in the process of completing our final assessments of the children's spellings. The results will be sent home to you so that you can continue to practise these over the summer holidays. All children have continued to make good progress over the course of the year and many children can now confidently and consistently record these words within the context of their sentences.

Forest School

All children have an exciting invitation in their book bags for Forest School with Mrs Copperwheat. Next week all Reception classes have been invited to have lots of fun, learning and playing games in our school woodland. Mrs Vermiglio's class and Miss Daley's class will be visiting Forest School on **Monday 25th July**. Miss Parsons' class will be attending on **Tuesday 26th July**. In order to ensure that children are able to participate in all woodland activities (and in case they get muddy), please ensure that children bring a separate bag to school containing long trousers, a long sleeved top, a spare pair of socks and suitable woodland shoes (wellies if the ground is likely to be wet) on the day of their class visit. More information can be found on the invitation in your child's book bag. The Reception Team would like to thank Mrs Copperwheat for organising this experience and for giving up her time to help make our children's last week in Reception extra memorable!

It's hard to believe that by this time next week, we will have reached the end of the school year. It seems like only yesterday we welcomed lots of new faces into the classroom, nervous yet excited about the challenges of the year ahead.

We have had a wonderful year with the children and have thoroughly enjoyed watching them grow both socially and academically. We couldn't be more proud of the resilience and determination they have shown. We will miss them greatly and wish them lots of luck as they continue their learning journey.

Thank you for your unwavering support this year. We are so lucky to be so supported by such wonderful families. We hope you have a restful summer and we look forward to seeing the children in September, refreshed and ready for the exciting challenges of Year One!

Thanks for your continued support,
The Reception Team