



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 24th June 2022

Welcome back to our last half term in Reception! We are very much looking forward to an extremely busy, although exciting final half term with the children.

All Around the World

Our new project is underway and will explore different countries around the world. Last week, our learning began with a focus on our own country; we learnt about Queen Elizabeth, as well as learning about some famous English landmarks. This week we have been learning about Australia. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Australian animals and they made some lovely Aboriginal dot paintings.

Literacy

Upon our return to school last week, we spent some time discussing our favourite memories of Reception so far. We loved looking back at photographs of when we first started school and we had lots of fun talking about past events, projects and activities. The children went on to demonstrate their wonderful writing skills by writing about their favourite memories. These pieces of writing will be included with their end of year reports so that you can enjoy sharing them at home with the children.

Maths

Last week we began to investigate our number doubles. We practised doubling amounts and then counting on to see how many we had. By the end of the week lots of children could remember their doubles facts by heart! This week we have been investigating ways of sharing amounts out fairly and looking to see if the amounts are equal. This is in preparation for next week's learning, linked to odd and even numbers.

Spellings

Our final spellings for this half term are listed below. We will be assessing the children on their ability to spell these words towards the end of term and we will then send home their scores. We are also continuing to assess spellings from tests that have taken place throughout the year. Our new spellings will be:

they, all, are, my, let, will, this, them, that, went

Hot Weather

As the weather is getting warmer the children are keen to take off their jumpers and cardigans. Please check that these are clearly named. Children are also encouraged to bring a named sun hat to school. We advise parents to apply sun cream to children in the morning before they come to school as teachers are unable to apply sun cream to children. Please also ensure that water bottles contain water only and that children bring these to school every day.

Transition

Over the next few weeks we will be inviting our new September starters into school to meet the staff and become familiar with the environment. We are extremely excited about meeting the new children and our current Reception children cannot wait to show them around, tell them about school life at St Philip's and begin to make friends with them.

Class Photographs and Sports Day

Next week, on Tuesday 28th June, the photographer will be in school to take class photographs. This is also Reception's Sports Day. As a result of this, children must not wear their sports kit to school on this day; please ensure children attend school wearing their school uniform. Children can however, bring their sports kit with them and we will ensure they get changed immediately after the class photographs have been taken.

Sports Day will begin at 2pm on the school field. Parents are invited to watch and the entrance will be via the field gate, on the bend of the road, opposite the Odeon car park. At the end of the event, children will be led back to their classrooms to collect their things and parents may then collect them from their classroom doors, as usual.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Reception Team