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### **Reception Newsletter – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **Literacy**

Over the last couple of weeks we have loved sharing the rhyming story, 'Oi Frog! By Kes Gray and Jim Field. In this story, a cat tells the frog that animals can only sit on objects that they rhyme with, for example, cats sit on mats and hares sit on chairs. The children became rhyming detectives, hunting for rhyming words. This week we have enjoyed adapting the story to make it our own. We have shared lots of giggles whilst composing rhyming sentences, including kittens sitting on mittens and ants sitting on pants! The children have been recording their rhyming ideas in sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

#### **Maths**

Last week we worked hard to sort numbers into odd and even categories. We explored different methods for helping us to sort them, including testing to see if we could share the amounts and investigating to see if the numbers would split into equally into pairs. We used items around the classroom to help us sort and then we recorded our findings on to tables. Why not ask your child if they can give you an example of a number that is odd or even!

#### **Spellings**

Our final spellings for this half term are listed below. We will be assessing the children on their ability to spell these words over the next couple of weeks 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

#### **Sports Day**

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for our first proper sports day in 3 years! We were so proud of how well the children supported each other and immensely impressed by their perseverance in what were some very tricky races! The winning team in Reception was the red team! We also want to send a big thank you to all of our parents and toddlers who participated in their own races – you were brilliant!

#### **Westbrook Orchard**

Next Thursday, weather depending, we are hoping to take our children to visit Westbrook Orchard. During this visit, children will consolidate their previous learning linked to growing plants, as well as get to hunt for minibeasts and find out about how they help the plants to grow. Please ensure children bring waterproof coats to school, as well as sun hats if necessary. If the weather is wet then children are also invited to bring a pair of wellies in a bag. Please ensure that sun cream is applied before the children come to school. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **Swap Over**

On Wednesday 20th July, the children will be meeting their new Year One teachers. They will spend the morning in their new classrooms, participating in exciting activities that will help them to settle in to their new classes ready for September.

#### **Transition**

Next week, 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 spending time with our 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.

**Thanks for your continued support,**

**The Reception Team**