



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a lovely first week with all of the children and would like to thank you for your support in the mornings. We have been focusing on friendship and looking after our classroom environment. The children have settled in well, they have walked happily into the lunch hall and the majority have cleaned their plates! Additionally, this week the children have had a practice fire drill and lockdown. We were so impressed with how sensible and calm all the children were! We explained that the lockdown is when we are staying safe from something outside, e.g. a horse that has escaped from a field or a dog that has escaped from its house.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes

We have been with the children at lunchtime to support them with cutting their food and encouraging them to eat independently. We have also been with the children during their play times to support them with playing games and using kind hands.

The children are encouraged to graze on bite-sized pieces of fruit or vegetables in the morning. Additionally, fruit is provided during the afternoon accompanied by a story. We ask for a donation of fresh fruit or vegetables from each child, which will be shared around the class. For the safety of the children, if you choose to bring in treats to share for your child's birthday, please only supply things that are soft and easy to chew.

Next Week's Learning

Our topic this half term is "With a little help from my friends." Next week, we will be using the story of Paddington Bear to inspire the children's learning. By Wednesday, please could your child bring in a small, named teddy bear to use during our lessons. Ideally, please bring a teddy bear that can be left at school until we finish Paddington. We will be starting Phonics lessons on Wednesday 18th September once all of the children are settled into the classroom routines. We will cover 6 sounds over 5 days, and we will be using Jolly Phonics to learn our sounds. The first six sounds that the children will be learning are s, a, t, i, p, n. In our Learning for Life sessions, we will be focusing on how to be a good friend and remembering to use kind hand, kind feet and kind words.

Other

To support your child when they are missing you at school, please may you bring a family photo that we can put up in the classroom for them to look at when they need it. With the nature of Early Years some children occasionally leave it too late to go to the toilet. With this in mind, if your child is prone to having accidents please can we ask that in their book bags there is; spare pants/knickers, socks/tights, a carrier bags for wet clothes, wet wipes and nappy sacks. We only have a limited supply of spare clothes so please if your child has needed to borrow some, return them as soon as possible. **If your child is going to After School Club, an extra-curricular club or being picked up by somebody else, please let us know in advance to ensure smooth pick up times. Thank you for your support with this.**

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and your children will not be too tired! 😊

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team