



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

18.10.19

It was great to see you all at parents evening and we are proud of how far your children have come already.

This week:

This week, we have been exploring floating, sinking and discovering ways to make a floating object sink. In Literacy, we have been retelling the story, 'Lost and Found' in adult led activities and child led activities. The children have loved acting out the story of 'Lost and Found' using small world animals and playdough to create the scene. In Maths, we have been counting objects that cannot be moved. Each day the children have been introduced to a new activity, which they can then access independently. For example, one child has been pretending to be the teacher and hitting a drum between 1-5 times and the other child selects the matching numeral or Numicon. In PSED (Personal, Social, Emotional Development), we have been talking about the school curriculum drivers. These are; teamwork/independence, empathy, resilience and curiosity. This week we have focused on empathy, teamwork and independence. In Phonics, we have been looking at sounds that appear commonly at the end of words or in the middle of words. The children have been segmenting (sounding out to spell) and blending (sounding out to read) every day to practise these skills as they can be tricky to learn. We took our first trip to the library on Monday. These books can be used as a great opportunity to inspire the children to love stories and we hope you've enjoyed sharing them with them. We will collect the library books in every Monday and the children will get to choose a new one.

Next weeks learning:

Next week, we continue our focus on the 'Lost and Found' story but with a tweak. The children can choose a new animal to be 'lost'. In Phonics, we will be learning, v, x, y, qu. In Maths we are moving onto understand numbers 0-10 by building with different numbers of objects in the Construction Area. In PSED, we are continuing to learn about the school drivers with a focus on resilience and curiosity. In Guided Reading, the children will have two sessions a week, one with the class teacher and one with the teaching assistant. On Tuesday 22nd October, the children will be having their flu nasal spray. They will only be able to have this if you have returned the consent form. Please hand them to us on Monday if you have not already. On Thursday 24th October it is Orange Day. This is to raise money for Challengers. The children are invited to wear orange and donate £1.

Other

To build independence, we ask that after half term, you drop your children off at the classroom door and wave goodbye at the window. Now that we are settled into school life, we also ask that your child does not bring in cuddly toys from home.

Just a reminder that Friday 25th October is inset day.

Thank you to all the Grandparents or family members for attending last Friday. The children really enjoyed making their harvest creatures and it was a joy to watch. Through the book sale on Grandparents day Swallows raised £64 and Swifts raised £123, therefore Reception raised a total of £187! Thank you!

We hope you all have a fun weekend ☺

Best wishes,
The Early Years Team.