



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 3rd April

We would like to start by again saying how incredibly proud we are of the children and the resilience that they are continuing to show at this difficult time. We really feel like we're all getting the hang of this online learning and we would like to ensure you that the team are continuingly discussing how to improve things further. We thank you for your patience with us whilst we work to get this right.

In maths we have continued with our fractions work using common denominators. As we have said previously, this area of the curriculum really requires a sound knowledge of times tables so any practise that your child can do on these will be hugely beneficial. We are aware that the children are likely to be having more screen time at the moment so if you would rather that they don't use Times Table Rockstars then there are other ways of making this more interactive. If they were practising the 6 times table, for example, you could write the answers on the wall outside or the ground in chalk and ask them questions and they have to bounce a ball on the correct answer. Or you could throw the ball to them asking a question and they have to throw it back giving the answer. If you have a garden then you could place the answers around the garden and as you ask a question they have to run to the correct answer. If other siblings are learning the same times tables then this could be a fun competition between them.

In English the children have been retelling the poem using figurative language. We have been so impressed with their work and the ideas that they have come up with.

In computing, the children have been further developing their games. Please remind them to read the instructions carefully as lots have missed out key parts of the lessons because they have gone ahead and completed their games. There will often be chili challenges for those who would like to do them too! Our feedback on this work will be given via Purple Mash rather than Google Classroom.

After half term our art work will include using packaging e.g. cereal boxes and plastic containers (but not sharp materials such as tin cans) so you may want to hold on to some of these in preparation!

We hope that you are all able to have a restful Easter break. While we will not be uploading lessons during this time, the children will still have their full access to Times Table Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Bug Club as well as all of the online lessons so far if they have missed any. We will also post a video onto the stream with some ideas for things that they could do over the holidays.

We thank you for your continued support at this challenging time,

The Year 5 Team