



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thursday 7th May

In English this week we have been writing diary entries imagining that we are an orang-utan whose home has been destroyed by human actions. The children have shown excellent empathy for the character and the situation that she is in and we have really enjoyed reading their entries!

In English next week we will write another diary entry but with a character tweak. Our focus will be on tenses and the following website provides a useful explanation for parents: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-is-verb-tense>

In maths, the children have been further developing their understanding of decimals. We have noticed that some children have been clicking on the White Rose link but have not been following the instructions on the PowerPoint and therefore have been completing the wrong work and/or watching the wrong videos. Although we are using the White Rose resources, we are supplementing these with our own, and our curriculum and the progression through it is tailored to the needs of the children. **This means that the day that we are on will not necessarily match the day on the White Rose website. Please encourage your child to read the PowerPoint carefully so they know which resources to access each day.**

Our spellings this week were homophones. It's been lovely to see some of the children logging on to Spelling Shed and earning their honey rewards! Next week, the teachers will be rewarding the children with bonus honey rewards every day that they log on! The focus for the week will be the prefix 'in-'

We noticed last week that fewer than 15 children across the year group logged into Bug Club. If your child is having any difficulty logging on or you have any questions about how it works then please contact one of the team who will be more than happy to help. We know it is difficult to access new reading books at the moment with libraries closed so Bug Club is very helpful because it gives the children books at their book band (reading age) and checks their understanding through questioning; it then sends this information to their teachers who can make adjustments to the books on offer where necessary.

We hope that you have a wonderful bank holiday weekend,

The Year 5 Team