



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 22nd May, 2020

As the first half of the Summer Term comes to a close, we would like to again say how incredibly proud we are of the children and the resilience that they continue to show during this time. We love seeing their work and their achievements and the Google Meets brighten the day for each of us.

It has been our 'invent' week for English where the children have taken the idea of an animal rescuing another as a result of a problem caused by human actions. The children's tenses have improved throughout the 3 weeks and it's also been lovely to see the extra detail that they are including to engage their reader. We will always encourage the children to read their writing aloud before they hand it in, and if they can read it aloud to someone at home then even better.

In maths the children have been working hard on their decimals. It is great to see the children using resources such as place-value grids if they need them as this is something we always encourage at school.

Although we will not be setting work next week, the children will have access to Timestable Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Bug Club. Bug Club not only offers a range of books at the correct reading age for each child, but it regularly checks their understanding throughout the book through questioning. This information is then sent to us so that we can ensure the books that they have access to are suitably challenging. The Oxford owl website (<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>) also has some great free resources on at the moment including lots of books. This is usually a pay-to-use site so is definitely worth checking out whilst it's free!

After Half Term, our new topic will be 'from Bean to Bar' where we will be exploring the journey of chocolate! In English we will be re-telling parts of Charlie and the chocolate factory. We know that most of the children have already read the book however it would be useful for them to read it again (we will put a copy of the book on Google Classroom) or to watch one (or both!) of the film adaptations over the holidays.

In DT the children will be designing a cereal bar which could have a small amount of chocolate in it. The children do not need to make these, however they can *if* they would like to at home (and you are happy for them to!) We don't believe that the ingredients they will want to use are in short supply so we won't recommend buying anything yet but they are likely to want oats, a binding ingredient such as honey, as well as dried fruit and chocolate. We will be in touch as soon as possible about the money that you have already paid towards ingredients for this project.

In maths we will be moving on to measure, including angle. The children will need a ruler and protractor which can be bought very cheaply online if you don't already have one. If you have any concerns with this then please contact one of the Y5 Team.

We wish you all a wonderful half term and thank you for your continued support,

The Year 5 Team