



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 11th September 2020

The children have had a brilliant week. They have started to settle really well in to the classroom routines and are following all the systems. We are really proud of them, with all that they have to remember but they are doing really well. Thank you for following the morning routines, dropping off your children and picking them up at the end of the day so swiftly making sure that we can keep the children, parents and staff safe.

In a couple of weeks' time we will be having our immersion day for our topic 'The great fire of London'. If you have any books or information that you're happy to send in to school please can we ask that you do this by the end of next week so that we can quarantine the items brought in for 72 hours.

The children have been amazing and very supportive to following the routines in washing their hands, using only their things, staying to their zones and keeping as much as distance as possible from other people in the classroom. Worplesdon has the four drivers that underpins the school curriculum. If you spot your children being curious, independent, empathetic, team player or resilient, please let us know so that we can praise them.

In English the children have been introduced to the text 'The Koala Who Could'. They have found out the Koala is not very brave and finds doing new things really hard, he likes to stay in his comfort zone. By the end of the story he shows courage and is really proud of himself. The children have acted out the story, planned their story and written the same version of it. Next week the children will tweak their stories following the story plot but can choose their own animals. The story is set in Australia and so they have looked at the settings and are using adjectives to describe them. The focus over this week and next week is ensuring that sentences make sense, have capital letters for proper nouns and the start of a sentence and either a full stop or exclamation mark to demarcate the end of a sentence.

In maths the children have been focusing on partitioning numbers and realising that you can partition the number in more than one way. For example if you have the number 23 you can partition it as $20 + 3 = 23$ or $19 + 4 = 23$ or $15 + 8 = 23$. If you are able to, please can we ask that you keep going over this with the children at home. It can be just through a conversation. In maths next week, the children will be starting to compare numbers by ordering them, looking at which number is bigger or smaller, talking about odd and even numbers and starting look at 1 more/1 less and then 10 more/ 10 less of the given number.

The children have started their guided reading sessions this week. We are starting to informally assess the children and next week will read with all the children individually to ensure that they are reading the correct level reading book. We have also started our phonics lessons this week. We are working through the sounds as well as blending and segmenting words. The sounds for next week are: oy, oi, ir, er, ue, oo, aw and or.

In history the children have been learning about chronology. They have made a timeline of their own lives before we start looking at passed events during the Great fire of London. In Science the children have been learning about materials and the different types of materials. Next week, they will be investigating the properties and how materials can be changed. In 'learning for life' the children have been learning about responsibility and have decided on things that they will be responsible for. Next week, they will be learning about what skills they need to be independent. The children will continue with coding during their computing lessons. We were really impressed with how well they were able to log on.

Reminders

- Please send in a coat and if you have a spare pair of trainers or wellies that can live on their pegs as the weather changes, as they will need them for the field at lunchtimes.
- Please remember a named water bottle

If you have any questions or need to pass on a message to us then please email us where possible on the following email addresses: Miss Nutbeen at snutbeen@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk, Mrs Nightingale at vnightingale@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk and Miss Parker at lparker@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend.



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Miss Parker, Mrs Nightingale and Miss Nutbeen.