



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 25th September 2020

Please find below information about what we have been learning this week, ways you can support your child at home and any other useful information.

Curriculum

As writers we have continued to focus on using punctuation such as full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. We have been using our writing skills across the curriculum for labelling, designing, planning and even in our art work.

We have 'innovated' the story of Whatever next and changed lots of things about it to make it our own.

As mathematicians we have learnt about the inequality symbols for more/greater than, less than and equal to ($<$ $>$ $=$) and have used these to compare numbers. We have practised saying the stem sentence, writing it and making it outside with sticks, natural objects and ourselves.

As Scientists we have been exploring materials and their properties. We have been describing them using different language such as soft, hard, rough, smooth, bumpy, etc.

As computing experts we have been learning how to use curriculum games on our class whiteboard and have been talking about online safety.

As artists we have been looking at the painting 'A Starry Night' and using it to inspire our own work. We have applied our knowledge of tints to make backgrounds and learnt how to cut out silhouettes to add to our pictures.

As designers we have learnt how to create a design of what we want to make by drawing a diagram and creating a list of tools and creative resources we need before making. We are beginning to talk about evaluating our work.

As athletes we have been working on our attacking and defending skills and exploring dance.

Supporting at home

You can support at home by reading regularly, practising phonics, practising recognising, ordering and writing numbers to 20 and spelling tricky words.

This week the phonics we are practising are:

oo/oo ee or ar

The words we are practising spelling independently are:

he she we

Useful Information

PE days are Tuesday and Friday. Please remember to send your child into school in their full PE kit on those days. Please try not to send trainers with laces in unless children can tie these themselves. We ask that children also make sure any earrings or watches are not worn to school on PE days.

If your child needs to isolate or stay off school for a period of time please let us know. We will use google classroom to ensure they have the work we will be completing in class. This will be marked and commented on by the school staff as it is returned. Please **only** use the work on google classroom if your child needs to remain off school.

Just a quick reminder that children need wellies and spare trousers to be kept in school.

Our start of year information presentation is now on google classroom on the stream. If you have any other questions please always feel free to ask. There is also a topic in classwork called 'useful resources' where we have put the common exception words for Year One. We will let you know when we add anything to this.



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Now that the weather is starting to change please make sure your child brings a waterproof coat to school with them each day as we will continue to learn and have playtimes outside if it is only light rain.

We are now happy for you to start using your reading diaries again. These were sent home at the start of lockdown last year. Please do not use them to communicate messages as we will not be writing in these. Staff may ask children to show them their diaries for a visual check but we will not be handling them in school.

There have also been some missing jumpers over the last week. We have searched the areas used by Year One in school. Please would you mind checking your child's jumpers/cardigans to ensure the right ones have gone home with the right children? Thank you.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or information you feel we need to know via email. We will check our emails before and after school but please feel free to phone the office if you have an urgent query during the school day.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Year One Team