



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 9th October 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 accurately and introduced the idea of adjectives to improve our writing. We have tweaked the story of Man on the Moon to have a new character. We are using our English warm ups to look at capital and lower case letters and practice our handwriting.

As mathematicians we have been learning about addition and how the parts can be added in any order. We have been using part whole models to reinforce how to add the parts to make a whole and exploring all the different ways we can make numbers, recording this on part whole models.

As Scientists we have continued to explore materials and their properties. We have been talking about waterproof items and have been getting wet exploring which materials are waterproof or not waterproof and why.

As computing experts we have been learning how to use curriculum games on our class whiteboard and have been talking about online safety. We have been learning to work different curriculum games on the chrome books to embed out learning.

As artists we have been exploring printing and how we can use different objects, shapes and colours to create our pictures. We have been using our knowledge of making tints to add more detail 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.

As religious experts we have been learning about the Christian creation story from the Bible.

Supporting at home

You can support at home by reading regularly, it makes such a difference to their progress if they can be heard every day. Practising phonics, practicing recognising, ordering and writing numbers to 20 and spelling tricky words would all really help too. You can also practice counting in **2's, 5's and 10's** and finding all the different ways to make a number (e.g. 6 can be 6+0, 5+1, 4+2, etc.)

This week the phonics we are practicing are:

air ear ure consonant blend: st

The words we are practicing spelling independently are:

was you (also recapping **the/to/do/go/no/he/she/we/me/be**)

The letters we are practicing handwriting in cursive, naming and recognising as capitals are:

U u Y y C c O o

Useful Information

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.



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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.

Homework passports for the Autumn term are on google classroom in the classwork section in the 'useful resources' folder. Please feel free to upload photos of the wonderful things you do from the homework passport for us to share in class.

Please make sure that if your child needs to change their reading book they come into the classroom with it in their hand. As we move forward with our independence skills this will really support them.

As you know we cannot currently share our painting aprons at school. So that we can continue regular painting with your children we ask if you can provide an apron for them to keep in school to be kept in their bookbags. This can be an adult's old shirt or t-shirt to put on over their uniform.

Some parents have very kindly offered to support with additional resources in school. We are always grateful for any of the following:

- Glue sticks
- Whiteboard pens
- Craft supplies (lolly sticks, paper straws, pipe cleaners, etc.)
- Laminating pouches
- Tissues

We will keep these in a box for 72 hours before using in school.

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