



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 9th October

In English this week the children have continued to look at specific features of a non-chronological report and have enjoyed writing a report about living in the 20th century. They kept the subheadings the same as last week- travel, homes and people who help us and included a variety of sentence starters that made their writing interesting. As a challenge they added connectives and generalisers. It was great fun comparing life from 1666 to today. Next week, the children will be starting a new genre and will be writing their own diary entries. The children will discuss the features of a diary and will be writing as if they were Samuel Pepys. The main learning objective is to write in the past tense. They will be turning present tense in to the past tense and will be looking at the spelling rules for when we add 'ed' changing from present to past.

In maths this week the children have continued focusing on place value and addition. The children have been finding one more/less and 10 more/10 less from a given number. It is really important that children are regularly counting backwards and forwards in different ways, for example, counting in 2's from the number 8 and then to add in a challenge count in 2's from the number 9. This really helps with their fluency and confidence in number and recognising pattern. The children have also been introduced to using a blank numberline. This is a great stepping stone to mental calculations. Next week the children will continue adding a 2-digit number and a one-digit number and will begin subtraction. They will be using the dienes to help them understand exchanging, for example 11-8. Practicing counting backwards will help the children tremendously with their fluency when counting back on a number line.

In Learning for the life, the children have been learning about keeping their teeth healthy and the best way to look after them. Next week, they will be learning about the value 'unity'. They will achieve this by being part of a team and solving lots of challenges through games. In science the children enjoyed carrying out their investigation of making the best pair of curtains to keep out the light whilst teddy sleeps. In computing the children have continued to work coding different instructions. We would really appreciate the children having as much practice at logging on at home as they can. They can either go on to purple mash or on to bug club. The login details are the same for both. In history next week, the children will be looking more closely at the timeline of events during the Great fire of London and in RE the children are learning more about living as a Christian and what they believe God was like. In the art the children have painted the back ground of their starry night pictures and next week will be adding the silhouettes of the buildings.

We would really appreciate you reminding your child to change their books as they come in to school in the mornings and reminding them of the colour band that they're now reading. Over the next week we will be updating the books on bug club.

We have been really impressed with the homework that has already been uploaded on to the google classroom. When we celebrate with the children, we will add ours and the children's comments about the work. We will also print out photographs and display in the classroom.

Reminders

- Please ensure that the children have a named coat, **wellies or old shoes** for the field and a water bottle in school. If your child could have a water bottle with a straw in that would be great as there have been a few spillages with the children having to opening the lids rather than lifting the catch.
- If possible, please can we can ask that children have trainers rather than plimsolls for P.E. They provide a lot more support and are far better on the playground.
- Parents evening is on Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October. Please remember to sign up.
- Please ensure that your child's jumper is named and check the lost property box for any missing items of clothing.
- 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 and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Parker, Mrs Nightingale and Miss Nutbeen.