



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 6th November 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 learn about non-fiction texts and been writing about bats. We have practiced using heading and subheadings in our writing.

As mathematicians we have been working on our addition skills and looking at addition stories.

As scientists we have been talking about nocturnal animals linking with our English work.

As artists we have been learning about primary colours and secondary colours and exploring how to mix these to create our bonfire pictures.

As historians we have been retelling the events of the Gunpowder Plot and making posters showing key parts of this.

As designers we have been learning how to use different materials in our work and join things in different ways. We have explored this through our art area.

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

As religious experts we have been starting to talk about Judaism and religious festivals and objects of Judaism.

### 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 learning are:

**consonant blends: ay ea ie ou**

The words we are practicing spelling independently are:

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

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

**R r N n M m H h**

In maths you can support the learning from this week by:

**Practicing adding two numbers and recording it in different ways, e.g. number sentence, part part wholes, tens frames.**

### Useful Information

A gentle reminder that when dropping off or picking up your child you continue to follow the one-way system around the Reception outdoor area. We ask that you stay on the grass side and keep the path outside Year One free to allow for social distancing. A brief message at the door is fine but please contact us via email for other enquiries.

The teacher emails are:

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We ask that you copy both teachers into the email so that we can collaboratively address your concerns. Please be aware that teachers working that day will answer the emails as soon as possible.

Please can we remind you to put a painting apron or old adult shirt in your child's bookbag for them to use for painting in class.

Next week we are hoping that Finches can start their forest school sessions so please ensure all children have spare trousers, warm coat and wellies in school at all times.

As the weather is getting colder can we remind you that we aim to be outside for all playtimes unless the rain is too hard. We are also trying to ensure that classrooms have as much ventilation as possible at the current time so ask you to support us by making sure children come to school in warm clothes suitable for the colder weather.

This year we will also be raising money for Children in Need during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November. Across the school children will be doing an 'Act your age' activity where they will do a fun challenge for the length of time that matches their age. In Year One we will be completing either 6 minutes on the trim trail or a 6 minute dance marathon. Alongside this the children voted to do a 6 minute puddle splash when we have a rainy day. A parent mail will be sent out with more information and with a link to a just giving page to raise money. The children are also invited to create a poster or Pudsey picture to promote good mental health in children. They can bring their designs into school with a £1.00 donation and there will be winning design chosen for each year group.

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 all a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Year One Team