



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 20th November

In English this week the children have really enjoyed tweaking the story 'Mr Gumpy'. They have chosen their own animals that join him on the boat. They could choose any animals that they wanted to but had to make sure they all linked, for example, they all live in a zoo. The key learning has been to using a range of conjunctions. They have learnt about co-ordinating and sub-ordinating conjunctions. They have read sentences and taken out the conjunctions, added a comma and checked that it still makes sense. They have learnt that some do and some don't. We've been really impressed with their writing, they seem to be really enjoying the story! Next week, they will continue with the story 'Mr Gumpy' but will be inventing! They will choose their own characters and mode of transports. They will still be focusing on adding conjunctions to connect ideas together and add extra detail.

In maths this week the children have enjoyed recognising the different coins. They have counted out different amounts and made different amounts. The children have used the dienes and jottings to help them to add the coins. If you have a spare moment, please help your child to explore the different coins, recognise the value and add different amounts. Next week, the children will continue to make different amounts and will be introduced to the £ notation, the difference between £ and pennies. They will continue to use jottings and dienes to help them to add the amounts.

In Learning for Life, the children are learning about respecting and teamwork. They have been focusing on respecting themselves and others and what they look for in a friend. In History, the children learnt about water safety nowadays and how it differs from the time of the Titanic. The children are really enjoying learning about abstract art and having a go at creating their own. This week, they have looked at Mondrian's work again and have drawn a picture of the Titanic and coloured it in using Mondrian's style. They were amazing!

In a couple of weeks' time the children will be making their own ships. They will plan it, make it and evaluate it. They will include a winding mechanism. If you have any toys at home that you're willing to send it and let the children explore, please can you make sure they're named and sent in by next Friday. The children will also need a cardboard box to make their ship (a cereal box is fine, or anything of a similar size).

Reminders

- Please make sure that your child has warm weather clothes for playtime. We do need to leave the classroom doors and windows open for periods of time to keep the classroom ventilated. Please can they wear a vest. We will of course make sure that the children's needs are met. They do need to be warm to learn and so we make sure that the classrooms don't get too cold.
- Please can we ask that you try really hard to hear your child read three times a week, the children are making great progress with their reading and every little helps!
- 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 enjoy your weekends and thank you for continued support.

Miss Parker, Mrs Nightingale and Miss Nutbeen.