



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 27th 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 been writing our new versions of Rosie's Walk, for example 'Moggy's Journey'. We have changed lots of elements of the story to make it our own and we have been using lots of adjectives and extra details to make our stories amazing.

As mathematicians we have been working on finding the differences between two numbers by comparing them. We have linked this to our knowledge of addition and subtraction and learnt how to record using a bar model.

As scientists we have been learning about the differences between day and night and talking about how daylight changes when the seasons change.

As designers we have been learning how to make mechanisms to create moving parts on our pictures. We have been adding pivots and flaps to our work.

As historians we have been using the language past, present and future to order the changes we go through in our lives on a human timeline. This links to our Science and Learning for Life work too.

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

As religious experts we have been finding out about a Synagogue as a place where Jewish people worship.

As computing experts, we analysed our fruit pictogram from last week.

### 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:

**New sounds:** au (autumn) ey (donkey) a\_e (made) e\_e (these)

The words we are practicing spelling independently are:

**where there**

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

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

**Practicing finding the difference between two numbers**

### Useful Information

Please can we remind you that it is essential that you stick to the pick up and drop off times allocated to your child. These measures are in place to keep everybody safe and we have structured our day to make best use of the time for all children. Children from Water and Fire house should be dropped off between 8.30-8.45 and collected at 3.00 and children from Air and Earth house should be dropped off between 8.45-9.00 and collected at 3.15. If you are



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unsure which house your child is in please ask the Year One staff. Thank you for your support with this as it keeps everyone as safe as possible.

We would like to remind you that all children need to have a water bottle in school everyday and that this should contain **water only**.

All children have now been given some lines to learn for the Christmas play. Please could you practise these with them at home as soon as possible. We will also be sending out a letter in the children's bookbags today to explain further how the play will work and the clothes that we hope you can provide for the filming.

Please could we ask you to check at home to see if anyone has any additional grey hooded tops. Some children in Year One are missing theirs. Can we please also ask that you **name everything** that your child wears to school. We do not have a lost property box and un-named items get put with our second-hand uniform as, without names, we cannot return these to the children.

Please can we also remind you that, whilst we love seeing children's work and pictures from home, at the moment children should not be bringing these into school to show. If they have something they are particularly proud of they can add a photo to google classroom along with the homework for their homework passport and we can show these at the same time.

It is really helpful to us if your child can have their book in their hand if it needs changing in the morning. We ask that all children read at least 3 times per week. Over the next couple of weeks we will be starting to give out house points for those children who have read 3 times per week to celebrate this. **Don't forget that we have bug club available as a resource for you to use for reading at home.**

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