



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

We would like to start by thanking you all for the support that you have given the children at home in their learning whilst balancing your own work commitments and homelife. We know that it is not easy but the children have been producing some amazing work and we continue to be blown away with their enthusiasm, commitment and perseverance. We acknowledge that it is a very different way of learning and that they haven't got their friends to share their ideas with. Please do email us if you feel you need further support with your child both academically or emotionally.

We have been really impressed with the children's planning and writing of their non-chronological reports. We have some excellent examples of the children building upon their ideas within their paragraphs, using some lovely factual sentences and getting to grips with the layout of the non-chronological report. Excellent work children! Next week, the children will move in to the second week of the three-week cycle of writing a non-chronological report. They will build upon their skills from this week, whilst still focusing on writing in paragraphs and building upon their ideas. They may want to include sentences like, 'did you know', 'would you believe', 'as strange as it seems', 'furthermore' and 'in summary'. This will help to capture the audience's attention and improve their writing. The children will be able to choose whether they write about Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales. It is important that they stay factual, use the layout of the report including the introduction, sub-headings and conclusion.

We continue to be impressed with the children's learning about division. We know that it has been tricky using the inverse of multiplication and division. We will continue to work on this throughout the year and will build some into the warm ups over the next few weeks to keep the new learning going. Next week, the children will be learning about 2D shapes. They will go over the shape names, the properties of shapes including the amount of sides and vertices and will learn about lines of symmetry.

We continue to be impressed with children's answers in the comprehension tasks. Please encourage the children to write in full sentences and find evidence from the text to support their answers. It is great to see the children challenging themselves and having a go at the 2 and 3 stars. Keep it up children! We will continue to upload these but please also use the bug club resource to keep the children's reading ticking along. It is great if they read their own books too. We are exploring ways to carry out live guided reading sessions in small groups. We will send out further information in the next week or so about the practicalities.

We are going to start the 'read, write, inc' programme with the children to support their spellings and phonics. They are short daily activities and some have a video to go with the activity. Please look out for them on the stream and on their timetable. The activities should take between 15 and 20 minutes. We will put up some video clips to show the children what to do. Next week, the children will be completing pre-programme activities.

The children have added some great ideas to their DT plans, and we are impressed with their creativity and the themes that they have chosen. Next week, they will be starting to make them.

We hope the children are liking their new topic 'Amazing Places' and have been finding out more about the United Kingdom. We will continue with this work next week.

We have set up some google meets so that we can keep in contact with the children who are working at home. It was lovely seeing the children at home. Please keep an eye on the live stream for when these are and the links. Please can we remind you that the children come in on their school accounts as we are not allowed to admit other accounts due to safeguarding reasons. If they try to come in as non Worplesdon accounts then we have to deny them entry.

We want to make the children's learning at home accessible so if you have any feedback of ways that we could improve it then please email us and tell us. We want you to know that we are here for you and the children during these difficult times and if you need any support or want to share any concerns that you have regarding your child and their learning or their motivation please do email us on the following email addresses: Miss Nutbeen at [snutbeen@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:snutbeen@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk), Mrs Nightingale at [vnightingale@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:vnightingale@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk) and Miss Parker at [lparker@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:lparker@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk). We can always pick up the phone and speak with your child.



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There are some great free maths resources on line that the children can play games on. These will cover things like number bonds to 10 and 20, solving problems that involve addition and subtraction, estimating and 2D shapes should you want to use them. We will be using some of them in our warm ups to over the next couple of weeks.

They can be found on [www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

<http://www.ictgames.com//mobilePage/rubberBand/index.html> Rubber band work on more and less.

Rubber Band Reckoner Estimate the placement of a number in relation to others. Y2: identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line

<http://www.ictgames.com//mobilePage/tenFrame/index.html> tens frames works on addition and subtraction problems.

<http://www.ictgames.com//mobilePage/shiftingShapes/index.html> shifting a shape

Shifting Shapes A draggable torch shining on a hidden shape. Identify and describe 2D and 3D shapes. Instructions: Press the next button. Look above the next button for tiny text naming the shape.

<http://www.ictgames.com//mobilePage/smoothie/index.html>- works on number bonds to 10/20.

We hope you find these useful and engaging for the children.

Once again thank you for all the support that you're giving your children during this time and we hope you have a restful weekend and enjoy some family time.

Miss Parker, Mrs Nightingale and Miss Nutbeen.