



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 29th January, 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been so lovely to see so many children attending the live lessons this week; both the children at home and in school are working really hard on the work set.

In English, we finished our unit of work on Sky Song and have really enjoyed reading the creative kingdoms that the children have created. They've embraced the magical world and thought carefully about their tribes with thoughtful attention to the punctuation and sentence structure they are using.

In Maths, we have been continuing our work on division and working on the formal methods, drawing together the concepts from the part/part whole models we were working on. It's been fabulous watching the children apply their understanding with problem solving as well.

Just a reminder that next week, we will be beginning to do some maths work on fractions. With this in mind, we will be using practical resources to support children's understanding but are planning to use resources that can be accessed at home. If you are able to, it would be helpful to have some two and four finger Kit Kats as well as several 200g (40 squares) and 40g (7 squares) Cadbury's Dairy Milk Chocolate bars. Alternatives can be used, but we will be working on these specific sizes. We will refer to these within our maths lesson and then children can use these resources to support their understanding of fractions. We will also be posting some resources that can be printed, kept and reused throughout our work on fractions. We recommend keeping safe any resources that are printed so the children can return to using these at a later date.

This week, we continued our introduction to the Tudors with a lesson on the Battle of Bosworth, which led to many questions around the honesty and family lines of the Tudors and their ancestors. The children had some amazing thoughts and opinions – it's been lovely to hear these!

We fully recognise that you are all doing an amazing job supporting your children at home, but we would ask you to take a moment to remember that all the Year 5 teachers and TAs are working full time in the bubbles at school so quite a lot of the work will be marked across the team. Rest assured that the class teachers are alerted to any problems and are keeping an overview of the work submitted. As a reminder, each child should be doing English and Maths every day, working for about 40-60 minutes on each lesson (including any videos and PPTs). We always post enough work to challenge every child, but do not expect every child to complete everything each day. We love seeing children in the Guided Reading live lessons and enjoy the discussions that these prompt. Whilst we also post foundation subjects each day, it is not expected for every child to complete these. Obviously, if you and your child are willing and able to, then please do, but if work is a battle and you are finding things extremely difficult, then please prioritise Maths and English – and let us know! We are here to support in any way we can.

Finally, thank you again for all of your understanding and support. If you have any worries, concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The Year 5 Team

Miss Hines, Mr Kennedy and Mrs Reed