



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 26th February

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well done to all the children both at home and in school for being so positive in returning to online learning. In light of the government's announcement on Monday, it's very exciting to know that we will shortly be having everyone back in school!

This week, we have been continuing our work on fractions. We are aware that some of the children have been struggling with this and we strongly advise coming to any live maths lessons for the additional support as well as using bar models, diagrams and any other resources you've printed off to support you. We do not expect all children to complete all the tasks as well. Please do what you can – the minimum we ask for is the main task each day.

In English, we have been working on our own biography of Henry VIII. We have been using text mapping to support our oral rehearsal of the sentences we plan to write. This is an important part of the planning process and encourages the children to really internalise their ideas before beginning the writing process. Next week, we will be moving on to looking at letters from Anne Boleyn. This unit of work will continue when the children are back in school.

We have also started our Tudor Art unit of work. Luckily, the children will be back in school for the painting and printing part of this unit of work, but we would ask that when they come back to school, they bring with them their work from this week and next week as we will be using this in coming weeks.

As I'm sure you've seen, next week is Book Week. In light of the home learning going on, we have postponed the majority of our events and activities for when we are all back in school, however we have retained our visiting author John Dougherty. He will be hosting some online sessions next week for each class. This has meant that our live lesson timetable I drastically reduced – please see the weekly online overview on Google Classroom for the changed timetable. Each Year 5 class will have a slot with John on either Tuesday or Wednesday; it would be lovely to have as many of you at home joining in as possible with the rest of the children in school. I have been to John's sessions before and they are really entertaining and exciting! I'm very much looking forward to it! When children return to school, we will send home their £1 Book Token to celebrate World Book Day.

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