



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 5th March

We cannot wait to greet the children back in to the classrooms on Monday! We are so proud of each and every one of them. Being at home, the children will have certainly had to draw on their resilience, determination and courage. When they come back in to school, we will be supporting them in being more independent in their learning and will be helping to adjust being back in a class of 30. On return, the systems and structures will be the same, the children will need to put their reading books and any birthday sweets in the quarantine boxes outside the classroom and we will quarantine the boxes for 48 hours. They will need to wash their hands as they come in to school and will regularly throughout the day. The children's tables will be wiped down throughout the day and we will limit the sharing of equipment as much as possible. The children will be able to change their books daily, as they did before. Please can we ask that you remind the children of the routines before they return on Monday and that you follow the guidance of the drop offs and pick ups for the times you've been given. If you have any questions before school starts again or any once they have been back then please email.

The children have made some lovely tweaks this week and we have enjoyed reading their new characters names. On their plans, they've carefully chosen their verbs, adjectives and adverbs which best suited their new animal. Next week, the children will continue to use the story plot of 'Augustus and his smile' but it will be invent week. This is when the children can change their animal, setting and story line but keeping along the lines of 'Augustus and his smile', in that the animal loses something. The main learning focus will continue to be the use of descriptive language. This includes: verbs, adjectives and adverbs. As a challenge, the children will be encouraged to develop their vocabulary by using the thesaurus' in class and online, and to include all the lovely sentence starters that they have learnt to use. We will be informally assessing their writing skills and will model to them what we expect of them throughout shared writing. We have also built in 20 minutes of daily handwriting practise.

The children have also impressed up with their continued learning of fractions. They have shown a good understanding of what a 'part' and a 'whole' is and have all been able to find halves, quarters and thirds. The children have shown they understand the terminology 'unit fractions' and 'non- unit fractions' Thank you to the children that have uploaded the warm up task, this helps us to see their understanding of being able to exchange and borrow. Next week, the children will continue with their learning of fractions and will be looking at finding equivalences, counting fractions, finding $\frac{3}{4}$ of a number and a shape and applying their knowledge of fractions by completing problems linked to length and money.

We have really enjoyed the guided reading sessions this week again. Over the next couple of weeks, we will continue to build upon their inference and prediction skills. We have benchmarked all the children that are currently in school and will assess the children as they return to school within the first couple of weeks. This will ensure that they're reading the correct level book and are able to continue progressing with their reading.

In phonics next week, the children will be learning about the spelling rule for the 'n' sounds spelt in words word 'kn' and 'gn'.

Easter gardens

As part of our RE topic, we are learning about why Christians celebrate Easter. This week, we have looked at Easter Gardens and how each part of the garden symbolises part of the Easter story. Your child will bring home a copy of their Easter Garden plan with a list of items they would like to use to make their garden. Please could you help your child to find as many of the items as you can and return these to school on Monday 22nd March in a named bag. If you have any spare items (moss, twigs, containers) that you would be happy for any child to use, please could you send these in a separate bag (these will be quarantined before use). Thank you for your support.





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Reminder for next week

- Please make sure that the children bring their spelling books to school on Monday as we will be using them straight away.
- Please can the children bring in any artwork that they have completed at home so that they can use it for their final art lesson for this project. They will need to bring it in on Monday as the lesson will take place on Wednesday and we need to quarantine it first.
- If you have any spare school uniform and spare underwear that you're willing to send in for the year group, we would be very grateful.

The time has come for the children to return to school, we really cannot thank you enough for the patience, commitment and dedication that you have shown to home schooling your children.

Please do email us 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 . if you have any questions or need further support. Unfortunately, we will have to limit the face to face communication that we have with the parents and the door but please do keep emailing us.

We hope that you have restful weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children on Monday.

Miss Parker, Mrs Nightingale and Miss Nutbeen.