



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 12th March

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been such a lovely week having all of the children back in school! We have been so excited to see them and I know many have been really enjoying it, although are probably very tired now!

In maths, we have been continuing with our unit of work on fractions. Hopefully, the children are beginning to see how helpful it is to know their times tables and how this supports their calculations and use of fractions. If you are able to remind your child to regularly practise times tables on Times Tables Rockstars, this would be a huge support to them in their maths.

In English, we have continued looking at Anne Boleyn's letter to Henry VIII from the Tower of London and considered who else might be in the tower. We have written a similar letter to Henry VIII from this person, also using our text mapping skills. As a lot of children have been using computers for their school work during lockdown, handwriting, spelling and basic punctuation will be a renewed focus in class. If there are any opportunities at home for you to reinforce this or give your child an opportunity to write using paper and pen, then that would really help rebuild their stamina for writing.

Please can we ask that you take a moment, now that we are all back in school, to ensure that children have everything they require in their pencil case, especially as things such as glue sticks and whiteboard pens do run out quickly. There are a number of items that children are often low on:

- Handwriting pen
- Glue stick
- Whiteboard pen

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Read, Write Inc Spelling book and brought their field shoes back into school. If your child still has these at home, please can you remind them to bring them in. We are on the field every Monday. Without field shoes, your child will be unable to go outside at this time. Also, if you have a tennis racket that you are willing to bring into school for PE on Monday, that would really help reduce the amount of time spent cleaning resources. We are also learning badminton in our Wednesday PE, so if you have a badminton racket and are willing to bring that in on a Wednesday, that would also be really helpful. Please make sure these are clearly named.

After the Easter Holidays, we will be working on a unit of DT that involves making sculptures from recycled materials. Please can you begin collecting these at home. Things like plastic bottles, cardboard items, yoghurt pots etc are all very useful! Please can all donations be brought into school the week beginning 29th March and the first week back after the Easter holidays, so that they can be quarantined before use in school.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to all the parents who are making sure they are collecting children following the staggered timing procedures. We have noticed that a lot of parents are ready for either 3.00 or 3.15. Please remember that, as we want to encourage social distancing and maintain the safety of the children and staff in school, we have a 15-minute window for collection. We encourage parents to make the most of this and not to all arrive for the start of this timeframe.

House	Arrival to school site
Water and Fire	Between 8:30 – 8:45
Earth and Air	Between 8:45 – 9:00

House	Departure from school site
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Water and Fire	Between 3:00-3:15
Earth and Air	Between 3:15-3:30

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