



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 12th March

It has been a brilliant week at school. It is so lovely to have full classrooms of children and seeing the children interact with their friends again. They have all been amazing, remembering to follow all the hygiene rules- handwashing, not mixing with other classes and keeping their distance from each other. We are very proud of them all. The children have settled well back in to the classrooms and have coped with the timetable, the stamina of learning, not having snacks when they want and being parted from their families when they have been used to being with them all day. We are also immensely proud of how the children who have been in school have adjusted to being in a classroom again with lots more children! The children have also been working hard to adjust to the level of adults who are supporting them with learning and we continue to work on their independence.

In English this week, the children have invented some brilliant characters and settings. They have enjoyed inventing their own stories still based on the story of 'Augusts and his smile'- it is a lovely story and sends a great message to the children. That everyone is surrounded by happiness! We have been amazed by the descriptive language that the children have included, using verbs, adjectives and some adverbs. Next week, the children will be starting a new topic. They will be writing a non-chronological on Sloths. They will be given time to research sloths, will plan and write their own report. The children will use the features of a non-chronological report. The main learning for the week will be making sure that they write in the present tense. We have been really impressed with the children's writing this week. The children have enjoyed their daily handwriting sessions. We have worked hard on making sure that their letters are formed correctly and their lead in's and out's are big enough to be able to effectively join their writing.

The children have impressed us with their learning of fractions. This was the final week but we will continue to revisit it over the rest of the year. The children found $\frac{3}{4}$ of a number and a shape, counted in fractions, found equivalences and problem solved. If you have any time at home please recap $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a number and a shape with the children. Next week, the children will be focusing on all the four operations. The children will have lots of opportunities to talk with their learning partners. They will be using different strategies to solve the problems and will talk through the strategies that they have use. We will also be introducing them to 'number talk'. This is when children are expected to find more than one strategy to solve a mental calculation and explain how they worked it out.

In phonics next week, the children will be learning about the spelling rule for the 'igh sound spelt y'.

Easter gardens – Reminder

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.



Easter Craft.

We are hoping to do some Easter craft in the last week of term and will need an egg box for each child (6 egg size). If you could start collecting these for us, we would be very grateful. Please send them in when you have some and we can quarantine them.



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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 weekends.

Miss Parker, Mrs Nightingale and Miss Nutbeen.