



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 19th March

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have continued to settle back into the routine of school this week. We are working to rebuild their stamina for working, especially writing, and reminding them about the routines of the school day.

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 begun looking at the Snow Leopard and are exploring the use the descriptive language within our written work. We are reminding the children about figurative language and how we need to bring characters and settings to life as writers. Those children who are avid readers are drawing on their reading experiences and using these to support their writing which is fabulous.

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.

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