



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 26th March

The children have continued to amaze us this week, they're all working really hard and are making good progress in their learning. They have built back up their stamina and are working hard to be independent in their learning and find ways to help themselves. The children continue to engage well with the assemblies and understand how we need to live peacefully with ourselves and in our own school community. Thank you to the children and parents who are leaving the school site swiftly, are not mixing with other bubbles and are keeping off the play equipment at the end of the school day- thank you!

In English this week, the children have been busy researching their own rainforest animals. This week is tweak week and they have been given the choice to write a non-chronological report about tigers, jaguars, elephants or parrots. The children had time to research their animals so that they could write paragraphs about where the animals live, what they look like and what they eat. They understand the features and have all included an introduction and a conclusion. The children have included some brilliant factual vocabulary, a variety of sentence openers and conjunctions. The main focus of learning is for the children to continue writing in the present tense. Next week is invent week, the children can choose the animal that they wish to write about and the focus will continue to be writing in the present tense. We look forward to reading their reports about their chosen animals.

This week in maths the children have revised their learning on addition and subtraction, statistics including tallies, bar graphs and pictograms, fractions and 2D and 3D shapes. Next week, the children will complete an assessment on mental arithmetic and problem solving. They will also be introduced to position and direction. They will learn about different types of turns including $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and a full turn. They will learn about their left and right and clockwise and anticlockwise. If you would like to help your child with this at home then you could try setting up an assault course in the garden. If you would like to help your child at home with addition and subtraction that would be fabulous. The children need to continue practising these skills. The two strategies that the children are using in school are drawing their own tens (line) and ones (dot). Please ask the children to draw a place value grid and remind them to exchange and ask them to acknowledge that you cannot have a 2-digit number in the one's column. The other strategy that they're using is a blank number line. Here is an example- $27 - 16 =$ draw a line and then start at the right-hand side with the number 27. Children then draw a jump of 10 and count see that they write 17 on the number line. The children then count back in ones so draw 6 smaller jumps and place the numbers on their line to make their own number line. If you need help, we are happy to show you! The children have found it a challenge to switch between addition and subtraction. Please make sure that they look at the symbol and discuss whether the answer will be bigger or smaller.

In phonics next week, the children will be learning about the second spelling rule for adding the suffix 'ing'. When a word ends in an 'e' you drop the 'e' and add 'ing'. For example, make becomes making. The 'e' is dropped before the 'ing' is added.

The children made some beautiful Easter gardens, we were very impressed. Thank you so much for all that you provided. The children loved making them.

Reading diaries reminder- As you're aware we check the children's reading diaries every Monday to praise them for reading 3 or more times a week at home. We like to give the children a sticker and reward them for their efforts. Many of the children are reading more than 3 times a week – thank you for your support. Some children say to us that they're reading at home but nothing has been written in their diaries. Please can we ask that you sign in the diary even if the children are reading their own books, then please jot the title down. This then allows us to see that the children are reading regularly.

Easter Craft- Reminder

WE ONLY HAVE A FEW EGG BOXES, SO PLEASE DO LOOK TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY TO DONATE, IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF EVERY CHILD COULD HAVE AN EASTER CHOCOLATE BOX TO TAKE HOME. Thank you.

We will need an egg box for each child (6 egg size). Please send them in when you have some and we can quarantine them.

If you would like donate any resources to the year 2 classes, we would love some felt tip pens and more tissues please! Thank you for the donations that we have already received.



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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 and enjoy the extra hour of light in the evening!

Miss Parker, Mrs Nightingale and Miss Nutbeen.