



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

23/04/21

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a great week back at school and the children have settled in beautifully. They have shown brilliant learning behaviours and have got back into the swing of our school routine without any problems!

Swimming-IMPORTANT

As you know, next week is the start of Swimming, which the children are extremely excited about! Sparrows and Starlings will be Swimming on **Monday** and Magpies on **Friday**.

We just wanted to give you a small reminder of what we need the children to bring on the day, so they are ready and prepared. They should be coming into school with their **PE kit on and their swimming costume/shorts underneath**, as this will make the changing process quicker and easier due to the quick turnarounds. They will also need to bring a small labelled bag, this should contain: Magpies should be in school uniform on Monday.

- Swimming hat for girls and boys
- A towel
- Underwear for after the swimming session
- An optional swimming hat – the children can bring one in if they would like to but it is not compulsory this year.

On the day Starlings class is swimming, we are asking them to bring in a packed lunch. If your child normally has a free school meal and is in that class; a lunch will be provided for them.

Curriculum

English – This week in English, we have been studying a new text 'The King Who Banned the Dark'. Our skill focus is using different sentence types, to do this, the children have to use a variety of conjunctions. In order to write their stories effectively, the children have taken time to learn and rehearse a text map which they then transferred into writing.

Maths – This week in Maths we have moved onto a new Maths unit of Geometry and Properties of Shape. The children started off the week looking at drawing and measuring accurately, we then moved onto looking at horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines. To end the week, we looked at 2D and 3D shapes.

Foundation – In Foundation this week, we have covered a variety of topics. In Science, we investigated how shadows are made. In RE, we have been learning how and why Christians pray and in History we have been creating a timeline to show the chronology of houses from the past.

Reading at Home

We know how important it is for our children to read both at school and at home. It develops fluency, deepens comprehension and also informs their writing. We would like the children to be reading 3 times a week (at least) with an adult and this should be initialled and dated by an adult. Reading

diaries will be checked by class teachers on a Monday and house points will be handed out as a reward.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support,

Mrs Woodruff, Miss Bennett, Miss Brake, Miss Flashman