



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 17th September,

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have continued to settle well into Year 5 as we have started our normal timetable. Most children have the correct equipment in their pencil cases (such as whiteboard pens, whiteboard rubbers and green biro's) as well as named water bottles. It has really helped make the start of term smooth. Please can you take the time to regularly check items such as glue sticks have not run out so the children continue to feel prepared and have a successful year. Please could you also ensure that your child has a blue pen for their work as this is the colour we write in across the school. Please can you also take a moment to ensure that this is labelled with your child's name so that if lost, they can easily be returned. If your child doesn't have these things, please could you arrange for them to get them, or ask us if you are unsure what they need.

It has been great to start PE as well. Just a reminder that the PE kit is, grey tracksuit bottoms (with their red shorts underneath if they wish), white PE t-shirts, grey jumper or school jumper with their trainers. Whilst the children have settled well, they are still finding the morning quite long. Please encourage your child to bring a healthy snack or two to eat during break time. This will help sustain them and maintain energy levels until we eat at 1.00pm.

During our computing lessons, we have noted that a lot of children have forgotten their passwords for Google Classroom/Bug Club. We are reminding them in school, but for privacy reasons, we are unable to write these down for them. Please could you take a few minutes at home to help them learn these passwords. If you have forgotten them or need a reminder of these, or Times Tables Rockstars passwords, please don't hesitate to email your child's class teacher and we can send a reminder to you via email.

This week, we have continued our maths unit of work on Place Value. This unit of maths underpins all areas of maths and we continue to build on it over the course of the year. Children have been deepening their understanding of place value and using manipulatives to demonstrate their understanding leading to completing increasingly complex challenges in the lessons. In English, we are looking at the text *The Lost Happy Endings* as inspiration for our writing. We have begun focussing on figurative language and developing our use of this in our writing. We have also started our science topic looking at Space, which the children are really interested in!

Just a reminder that the Homework Passport is now live on Google Classroom and can be accessed there. Each term, we ask children to complete a minimum of 6 items from the list. Children can choose to record their work online or to bring it physically into school ready for our celebration week. The Homework Passport for the Autumn Term is now available on Google Classroom and will be on the school website soon. Alongside this, children are expected to read 4 times a week, which is recorded in their reading diary and checked each Monday in school. We also expect children to regularly continue to practise their times tables, either using games or the Times Tables Rockstars website.

Finally, our DT unit of work this half term will focus on making bridges. For this to be successful, we need as much old newspaper as we can. If you are able to send in any newspaper with your child over the next few weeks, we would be very grateful!

Thank you for your support.

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