



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers.

The children have continued to impress us with accessing all the learning opportunities in our classrooms. They are beginning to know the routines and how the timetable looks in Y1. We have loved seeing them coming in to the classroom holding their books ready to change. Please can you aim to listen to your children read daily, a page before pudding or 5 words after breakfast would be amazing! You don't need to read a whole book but daily reading is proven to help children make fantastic progress.

### Curriculum

As Writers we have used Paddington as our focus. The children have labelled a picture, added adjectives and written a sentence about him. We aim to create a writing rich environment where the children are always practising their writing skills in their chosen learning as well as through 'must do' jobs with adults.

As Mathematicians we have been finding one more and one less than a given number, using a variety of manipulatives to help us.

As Scientists we have been learning about the five senses and their uses.

As Computing Experts, we have used 2Paint on Purple Mash and changing brush, colour and thickness to make self-portraits.

As Artists we have made self portraits using different collage techniques including scrunching, twisting and layering.

### Supporting at home

You can support at home by reading daily, it makes such a difference to their progress if they can be heard every day. Practising phonics, practicing recognising, ordering and writing numbers to 50 and spelling tricky words would all really help too. Writing number names is a great support.

This week the phonics we are practicing are:

**sh, ch, th, ng**

In maths:

**Practise number formation, talk about one more and one less.**

### Useful Information

PE days are Monday and Friday. Children should come in wearing PE kit on those days. If they are attending an after school sports club they can also wear PE kits on those days.

As the weather changes can we ask that all children have coats, hats, etc. as needed. These should all be named.

We have now given out reading books. These are based on the levels sent up from Reception and we will be doing benchmark reading assessments over the next few weeks to confirm these levels. Children can change their book on any day of the week if they have read it and are confident with that book. They can keep books to read twice if needed. We aim for every child to read to an adult at home four times per week. The children should come into school with their reading book in their hand if it needs to be changed.



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In school children will continue to read twice a week in a group. On the day your child will be reading there will be a basket outside the classroom with their names on it. We ask that they put the reading diaries (not reading books) in the basket on those days.

When they come into school in the morning it is helpful if you can choose your child's lunch with them using the list on the door. Thank you for all your support with this so far.

A reminder to name **everything**, including water bottle and snack boxes.

Finally, please don't forget to accept the invitation to log onto google classroom.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

The Year One Team