



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents / Carers.

Happy October! Our new value as a school is friendship and we will be talking about what it means to have and to be a good friend. The children have worked so hard in school this week, we hope they have been telling you all about the wonderful learning they have been doing!

### Curriculum

As Writers we have retold the story of “Rosie’s Walk”. The children have been working on every sentence having a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. 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 comparing numbers, using the language more, less and equal to. We have used the inequality symbols and have written number sentences using them eg.  $5 < 7$ .

As Scientists we have been learning about autumn and have been sorting pictures and using magnifying glasses to look at pumpkins, fir cones, acorns etc.

As Computing Experts, we have continued to use 2Paint on Purple Mash and, as well as changing the brush colour and thickness to make self-portraits, we have introduced the fill and shape tools.

As Artists we have painted a background inspired by the painting “Starry Night” by Van Gogh. We have added white to colours to explore tints.

### 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:

**or, ee, oo, ow**

In maths:

**Practise number formation, talk about more, less and equal to and draw inequality symbols  $<$  and  $>$ .**

### 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.

**Please don't forget to accept the invitation to log onto google classroom, hopefully this has all worked smoothly and you have found this term's homework passport. Please complete 4 activities over this term.**

**Reminder:** on Monday afternoon the children will have their nasal flu vaccination along with all the year groups at school.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

The Year One Team