



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

24.09.2021

This week

We have had another great week getting to know all the children. Thank you again for your on-going support with the morning drop off. We have seen a huge improvement in how quickly the children have settled in the mornings. This has been our first full week as a whole class and the children have been working hard at forming friendships and settling in. We have started learning Phonics which the children have been really enthusiastic about. This week the children learnt; s, a, t, p which you will see in their sound books which will be in their book bags today. In Literacy we have been using Paddington to support our learning through drawing and labelling Paddington's lunch using the new sounds we have learnt. We even had a visit from Paddington and asked him lots of questions! In Maths, we were matching, sorting, digging deeper and comparing amounts. One of the ways we have done this is by sorting buttons by different categories, e.g. shape or colour. In PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development) we have been learning about using kind hands, kind feet and kind words. We have done this through group games and songs.

Next week

Next week we will be reading Paddington's Picnic and using it to inspire our drawing and writing. We will be focusing on the shapes we use to draw our pictures and then labelling the objects in our pictures with the sounds that we have learnt. In Phonics, the children will be learning i, n, m, d and on Friday we will be focusing on blending the sounds we have learnt to make words. We aim to cover four sounds in five days following the Letters and Sounds Scheme and using Jolly Phonics actions and resources. In Maths, the children will be comparing items by size, length, capacity and amount using the language taller, shorter, longer, shorter, more and fewer. One of the activities we will be doing to support this is having a teddy bear picnic with a big bear and a little bear. We will unpack the basket and discuss which size item is best for which bear and why. In PSED, we will be focusing on using kind words. We will do this by passing a smile round the circle and talking about how it makes us feel when someone smiles at us. We will then say kind words to the teddy bear and progress onto saying kind words to each other discussing how we feel when people say kind words to us and how we feel when we say kind words to others. We reinforce this by playing a range of circle time games.

Other

Today, your child will have a sound book in their book bags. We have stuck in all of the sounds the children have learned this week for them to practise with you at home. Can we ask that you put the sound books back in book bags after you have practised the sounds each day as we will need to collect them in to stick in the sounds each week. Thank you for your support with this. Additionally, the children will have a reading book in their book bags. These books are non-worded books to support other reading skills until the children have a secure knowledge of early phonics. We will change our reading books on a Tuesday and Friday, therefore we will put a box outside of our classroom for the reading books to be returned so that the children can choose a new reading book to take home. On Wednesdays the children will be taking home library books that they have chosen. On a Tuesday we will put a box outside of our classroom for the library books to be returned. Next week we will begin Guided Reading. Your child will read once a week with the class teacher and once a week with the class teaching assistant, therefore they will have two reads a week at school. Please could you record in your child's diary each time they have read at home. As you know, we are a very creative bunch! Therefore, the children use a lot of paper to support their learning. With this in mind, if you would like to donate plain white paper, we would be extremely grateful. Thank you in advance for your support with this. Sorry for the information overload, it sounds a lot more complicated than it is! We hope you enjoy reading your child's first book with them this weekend!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend! 😊

Best wishes,
The Early Years Team.