



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 8th October

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 5 have had another fabulous week this week. We begun looking at non-chronological reports this week. We have linked our work to our Land of the Free topic and are also learning about Times Square in New York. We are focussing on relative clauses within our writing and considering how they can be used to add more detail to our work. In maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction. Quite a few children have found the exchanging in subtraction a real struggle. If your child would like to do some extra practise, then the work from this week is still available on Google Classroom.

With the weather turning colder this week, we encourage all children to come to school in a coat. Whilst they may not need it during the day, when it is damp, we will still be sending the children outside, so having a coat in school will help keep them dry.

With the number of children having to isolate or work from home, we continue to evaluate our Google Classroom provision. We continue to provide videos to support our maths and, where needed, we will provide a video to support English. However, for English, the best possible provision is for children to join in a live lesson if they feel well enough to do so. If your child is at home isolating and they would like to join a live lesson for English, please let their class teacher know in advance of the lesson, so that this provision can be put in place ahead of the lesson. For the lesson, they can then simply click the link. Of course if they are not well enough to do so, we completely understand and would not expect them to complete work. We welcome any feedback you may have on this as we continue to ensure all children can access learning at home if they need to.

Each week, we also post the timetable for the week, so that you can see which lessons are being completed and when. There are times when different classes will do lessons on different days – please take note of these, particularly if your child is returning to school mid-week.

Just a reminder that the Homework Passport is also 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. We also expect children to regularly continue to practise their times tables weekly, either using games or the Times Tables Rockstars website.

Alongside this, children are expected to read 4 times a week, which is recorded in their reading diary and checked each Monday in school. Reading is an essential part of your child's learning and as such, we hope that you are able to support us and your child with this weekly. We aim to remind children to change their reading books as much as they need to, but if your child is getting through their books quickly, please encourage them to let us know or drop us an email. We want the children to enjoy their reading and have new books when they need them.

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 to those who have already sent some in!

Thank you for your support.

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