



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

15.10.2021

It was great to speak with all of you this week at our parents evening appointments, we hope you are as proud of your children as we are! We have had another exciting week going on lots of new hunts, such as; cat hunts, bug hunts, dinosaur hunts, unicorn hunts and many more! On Wednesday, we had a practise lockdown. This is when we have to stay inside to keep ourselves safe from danger outside. We gave examples of a horse or dog that had escaped from their homes and we needed to go inside to keep the animals and ourselves safe. The children were all so sensible and as soon as they heard the bell, the children sat beautifully on the carpet and listened to a story. We are very proud of them!

### This week's learning:

This week we have tweaked 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and we have been amazed by the children's great imaginations. We have been labelling our pictures with the initial sound or simple CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words, e.g. dog. In Maths, we have been focusing on having a secure knowledge of numbers 1-3. This includes representing the numbers in different ways, subitising, recognising the numeral and making links between number and shape. In PSED, we have focused on friendships. We have done this by reading various stories, such as 'Kind'. We linked it to our playground behaviour and rewarded the children we saw making great choices, such as, seeing a friend by themselves and inviting them to join in their game. In Phonics, the children recapped previous sounds and learnt our new sounds – e, u, r, ss and introduced the high frequency word 'and' and tricky words, 'the, to'. This week we have started sounding out words (segmenting), counting how many sounds are in the words and writing the sounds we can hear on phoneme frames. We are so impressed!

### Next week's learning:

Next week, we will be moving onto a new story, which is 'Lost and Found.' We will be creating parts of the story using playdough and then retelling the story using our creations. In PSED, we are introducing the children to the school drivers; three of the school drivers; teamwork/independence, resilience and curiosity. We will be introducing the children to a learning power to support their understanding of school drivers. These are; Teamwork/Independence is a Bee, Resilience is a tortoise and curiosity is a cat. In Phonics, we will be learning h, b, f, ff, l, ll and recapping the high frequency words 'and' and tricky words, 'the, to'. In Maths, we are continuing in the phase 'It's me 1, 2, 3' which is focusing on having a deep understanding of numbers 1, 2 and 3. One of the ways we will do this is by using dominoes with different representations of 1, 2 and 3 on them. We will have three hoops, one with a 1, one with a 2, and one with a 3. The children will sort the dominoes into the correct hoop talking about what they see, e.g. I know that is a three because it shows a two and a one and that makes three.

### Other

If your child has had an accident at school and borrows school uniform, could we ask that the clothing is returned as soon as possible so it can be quarantined in school. Could we also ask that you supply a pair of spare underwear and socks or tights in your child's book bag in case they have an accident. Thank you again for your support with this. We would like to remind you that children should only have water in their school water bottles, no juice or squash please. Next Friday 22nd October is an inset day so we will be in school for 4 days next week before half term!

We hope you have a fun and restful weekend 😊

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team.