



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 15th October

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our final full week of school this half term is over and it was wonderful to finally meet most of you at our virtual parents' evenings to celebrate the progress the children have made so far this year.

Through our work on multiplication and division over the past 2 weeks, we have decided to set a small, independent timetables homework every week. Mental agility is key to success in longer written methods and strong timetables knowledge is so beneficial to various strands in the maths curriculum, such as fractions. Children will come home on Monday with a timetables book or sheet and can choose which table they would like to practise over the course of the week. We would encourage them to complete a section every day, rather than doing it all at once, to keep their brains going throughout the week. If your child is already very secure with their tables, a good challenge would be how quickly can they complete a section and seeing if they can improve over the course of the week or even learning a new table, such as 13, 14, or 15s to really stretch their mental maths skills. We will then collect in the books every Monday to check how they are doing (just as we do with their reading diary).

Thank you for your donations of newspaper for our Greek Masks – they're looking great so far! We are now moving onto the painting stage so don't require anymore. We will be sending them home after half term so you can see what we've been up to.

As the weather continues to get cold and wet, please ensure your child comes in to school on PE days with a **spare pair of shoes and socks in a plastic bag**. We rely heavily on the field in order for PE lessons to take place as scheduled, so wet feet and muddy shoes is inevitable. This is uncomfortable for the children so a fresh set of socks and shoes will make all the difference for them.

As a reminder, the deadline for secondary school places is 31st October – please submit your applications before this date with Surrey. If you have any questions about secondary schools though, please get in touch as we have good relationships with all the schools and can hopefully answer some of your questions!

Finally, on Monday we will be sending home your child's English and Maths books for your look through as you obviously didn't get the chance with during our virtual parents' meeting. Please ensure they come back to school on Tuesday as we have lots more to do before we break up!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mr Clifton, Miss Bennett and Mr Djadali