



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

5.11.2021

The children have had a brilliant first week back, coming into school beautifully in the morning, playing lovely games with their friends and enjoying getting involved in all of the learning!

### This week's learning:

This week, we have moved onto our new topic, 'Let me entertain you'. In Literacy, we have read, sequenced and retold 'Stick Man'. The children used small world characters to retell the story in the tuff tray, using a story map to support their retelling. In Maths, we have been learning about the properties of circles and triangles, talking about how many sides and corners the shapes have and if the sides are straight or curved. The children looked at artwork by Kandinsky, spotting the circles and triangles and then creating their own circle and triangle artwork like Kandinsky. In Phonics, we recapped all previously learnt sounds and focused on ff, ll, ss and recap the high frequency word 'and' and tricky words, 'I, the, to'. In Expressive Arts and Design (EAD), the children thought about what they were going to build, had a look at some WAGOLLS (what a good one looks like), and told a friend what they were going to build, built their model and then used a clipboard and pencil to draw their model. On Wednesday, we celebrated Diwali. The children loved hearing about the story of Rama and Sita with Mrs Woodruff and lighting the candles in the Diva lamps. The children also made Rangoli patterns using different 2D shapes, created firework pictures and painted their very own Diva lamps to take home. By the end of the day the children were able to say that Diwali is the festival of light and were able to tell us different traditions that Hindu's do to celebrate Diwali. On Friday, we talked about Bonfire Night and why we celebrate it in the UK. We talked about what we are doing to celebrate Bonfire Night and compared it to Diwali celebrations.

### Next week's learning:

In Phonics, we will be recapping all previously learnt sounds and tricky words, and learning; j, v, w, x and introducing the tricky words; no, go. In Literacy, we will be tweaking Stick Man and changing it to Stick Dog. We will create a zig-zag book focusing on the beginning, middle and end of the story. The children will turn into robots to support with segmenting simple words into sounds to label our zig-zag book. In Maths, we will be focusing on the numbers 4 and 5. We will be making different combinations of the numbers, representing it in different ways, and working out one more and one less than numbers within 5. In Expressive Arts and Design (EAD), we will be learning our nativity; The Big, Little Nativity. The children will practise saying their lines using expression and we will be learning the songs from the Nativity. With this in mind, this week you will have received your child's lines in their book bag. Could we ask that you practise these at home with your child, practising using expression where necessary. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### Other

We have noticed that a lot of PE jumpers are not named, please can we ask that you name them as they will be returned if they are named. If they are not named, they will end up in the second hand shop. Just a reminder that unless you have previously agreed with the class teacher an earlier drop off that if you are in Fire and Water you should be arriving 8:40-50 and pick up and 3-3:10 and if you are Earth or Air you should be arriving 8:50-9:00 and pick up 3:10-3:20. Thank you for your continued support with this. Additionally, on your child's Google Classroom there will not be a folder called Homework Passport. This has fun, family orientated activities for your child to do at home. We ask that you complete at least four of these by the end of the term and upload any photos or videos onto Google Classroom. The children love sharing all of these at the end of term with their friends!

We hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy lots of fireworks! 🎆

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team