



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 12th November

Dear Parents / Carers,

During the course of the week, the children have continued exploring description and applying their knowledge of relative clauses using The Viewer as inspiration. In maths, we are learning about square and cube numbers and considering how to multiply by 10, 100 and 1000, applying our understanding of place value. There are a lot of facts and language around this, as well as application of times tables. It is really important that the children continue to practise their times tables at home each week. In Year 5, we do less of this in school as the expectation is that at the end of Year 4, the children are fluent with their times tables. Any help you can do reminding your child to practise these and supporting with these would be greatly appreciated.

Please can you continue to support your child with regular reminders each week. Those children who had read four times over the week previously, received a roll of the dice for our Homeworkopoly reward and were able to receive a variety of rewards such as computer time, library time, games etc. Just a reminder that we are more than happy, in order to encourage independence, for the children to write their reads in themselves, but would like this to be signed and acknowledged by an adult. We still have a number of children who have yet to receive a roll of the dice as we do not have 4 reads at home in their reading diary.

The week of 15th November is Anti Bullying Week and as a school, we will be raising awareness of how important this message is. We are inviting children to wear odd socks each day to celebrate uniqueness of each member of our community. On Wednesday the 17th November, the School Council will be sharing the key message of 'One Kind Word' to the children via our virtual assemblies. On Friday the 19th November, it is **Children in Need Day**. There will be activities in school and we are inviting children to come in dressed in Yellow or as Pudsey. There will be a prize for each class for the best costume! This will be our fundraising drive for this term so we are asking contribute to our JustGiving Page to support this amazing cause. We hope you will join us in supporting these very worthy causes. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/childreninneedworplesdon>

With the weather continuing to get colder and set to get colder, 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. Scarves, hats and gloves are also encouraged, but please make sure these are named so that if they are lost, they will make their way back to their owners!

We are also asking all children to bring a pair of field shoes in for PE on the field. We would also recommend an extra pair of socks so that children do not have to wear wet socks for the rest of the day. Field shoes can be brought into class in a named carrier bag and kept on their pegs. We will ask children to change into these for PE on the field, and then change back into their PE trainers afterwards. If you do not have spare shoes, we are more than happy for children to come to school in their PE kits and school shoes, with their trainers as their field shoes, but these will need to be cleaned ready for their next PE day, which will be in the hall this term.

We would also like to say a big thank you to those people who refilled pencil cases over half term. It is really helpful for the children to have the necessary equipment during the lessons.

Thank you for your support.

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