



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

19.11.2021

We've had a great week getting into the Christmas spirit whilst practising our Nativity!

This week's learning:

In Phonics, we have been learning y, z, zz, qu, ch and the tricky words; into. In Literacy, we have been retelling and sequencing our nativity, 'The Big, Little Nativity.' In Understanding the World (UW), we have been reading the Christmas story, linking it to our nativity and talking about how Christians believe that Christmas is when Jesus was born. In Maths, the children have learned all about numbers 4 and 5 in a range of ways. One of the ways we learnt about these numbers was by having 4 or 5 double sided counters in a jar. We shook the jar and then tipped the counters out to see how many different combinations of 5 we could make, e.g. 3 yellow counters and 2 red counters makes 5 altogether. In Expressive Arts and Design (EAD), we have been learning and practising our songs for The Big, Little Nativity. We had a great day today, creating Pudsey inspired craft activities on the art table and talking about why we were wearing yellow or Pudsey dress up today.

Next week's learning:

In Phonics, we will be moving onto learning digraphs (two letters making one sound). The digraphs we will be learning are; sh, th, ng, ai and the tricky words we will be learning are; he, she. We will continue to recap all previously taught sounds and tricky words. In Literacy, we will continue to retell, sequence, draw and label parts of our Nativity. We will turn the children into robots, encourage them to sound out the words and then the children will find the sounds on their sound mats. The adult then models writing the word on our picture and then placing it on the writing table as a WAGOLL (what a good one looks like). In our Maths warm up, we will be subitising (grouping numbers without counting). We will do this by showing an arrangement of dots similar to dice representations and the children say what they see, e.g. I know that's a four because I can see a three and a one. In the main Maths session, we are learning about squares and oblongs. We talk to the children about how a rectangle is the name of a four-sided shape and an oblong is the specific name of a four-sided shape with two long sides and two shorter sides. We will compare the shapes, sort the shapes and create 2D shape pictures whilst describing the properties of the shapes. In Expressive Arts and Design (EAD), we will be practising our lines and songs for The Big, Little Nativity. I'm sure you've enjoyed hearing the children sing all of the catchy songs!

Other

At this time of year there are lots of runny noses! With this in mind, could we please ask for a donation of boxes of tissues as we get through them really quickly. Thank you for your support with this. The Big, Little Nativity will be performed on Tuesday 7th December in the morning (9am) and on Thursday 9th December in the afternoon (2pm). Tickets will be available via your Parent Mail account. You will be notified when they are available. We are capping it at 2 adults per family to come and see the nativity in order to keep everyone safe. Just a gentle reminder to please write your child's name in their grey, PE jumper as we have noticed that a lot do not have names on and therefore are getting lost. Thank you for your support with this. Yesterday, you will have received a costume letter in your child's book bag. Could we ask that you bring your child's costume in in a named bag by Wednesday 1st December. If your child letter says no costume needed, that means we already have that costume in school.

We hope you have a lovely weekend! 😊

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team