



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

17.12.2021

What a brilliant first term the children have had. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into school life!

This week's learning:

In Phonics, we have been learning ar, or, ur, ow, oi and the tricky word my. In Literacy, we read 'A Christmas Collar', drew and labelled pictures from the story and other Christmas inspired drawing and writing. In Maths, we had a Christmas shop! We introduced the children to 1p and used pennies to buy items from the shop. Once the children began to grasp the concept of the value of 1p we then started buying more than one item and adding up the amounts to find the total to give to the shopkeeper. In Understanding the World, the children shared their Homework Passports with the class and we celebrated their achievements together. On Wednesday, Father Christmas walked around the outside of the school and waved in the window at us all. On Thursday, the children took part in an exciting virtual Pantomime, which was Aladdin. Today, we had our Christmas party where we played party games such as pass the parcel and musical statues, which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

After the Christmas holiday's learning:

After the holidays our topic changes to 'Around the World'. In Phonics, we will be recapping all previously learnt sounds and tricky words and consolidating the long and short 'oo' sound. In Literacy, we will be reading, retelling and sequencing, 'The Jolly Postman'. We begin by looking at the front cover and discussing what we think the story may be about from the picture clues and the title. Once we are more secure with the story, we will reveal pictures from the story, sequence the pictures and then use the pictures to retell the story. In Maths, we are focusing on one less than a number, representing zero and the composition of numbers to five. In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we are focusing on how to be a resilient tortoise. We will begin by re-introducing the Learning Powers; Curious Cat, Resilient Tortoise, Teamwork Bee, Independent Bee and Empathy Chameleon.

Other

On Monday 3rd January it is a Bank Holiday and on Tuesday 4th January it is an inset day, so we will see you all on Wednesday 5th January. Just a reminder that on your child's bug club account:

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0&l=0> they have a selection of online, interactive books that are available to them and are at the appropriate book level. Your child's login details are stuck in the front of their reading diaries. We have read books on Bug Club during whole class Phonics sessions and the children absolutely love it!

We would like to say a massive thank you for all of the generous gifts you have given us, we are blown away by how generous you have been 😊

We would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a very, happy new year! 😊

Take care and stay safe,

The Early Years Team