



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

7.1.2022

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great Christmas. We have been very impressed with how well the children have settled back into our school routines and have enjoyed hearing all about their Christmas breaks.

This week's learning:

Our new topic this term is 'Around the World'. In Phonics, we have been recapping all previously learnt sounds and tricky words and consolidating the long and short 'oo' sound. In Literacy, we read, retold and sequenced 'The Jolly Postman'. We began by looking at the front cover and discussing what we thought the story may be about from the picture clues and the title. Once we were more secure with the story, we revealed pictures from the story, sequenced the pictures and then used the pictures to retell the story. In Maths, we focused on one less than a number, representing zero and the composition of numbers to five. In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we learnt how to be a resilient tortoise by reading the story 'The Dot' to support the learning power resilience.

Next week's learning:

In Phonics, we will continue to recap all previously learnt tricky words and sounds focusing on 'ar', 'ur' 'oo' and 'or'. In Literacy, we will be continuing with the story 'The Jolly Postman' throughout the week we will be drawing parts of the story, labelling the picture and writing a short simple sentence to match. In Maths, we will be comparing numbers to 5, looking at equal and unequal groups, and we will be subitising (seeing the amount not counting) within 5 to find out how many there are all together. In Personal, Social and Emotional Development, we will be focusing on our 'learning powers'. We will be re-introducing the Learning Powers: Curious Cat, Resilient Tortoise, Teamwork Bee, Independent Bee and Empathy Chameleon through stories. The books we will be looking at are 'The Snail and the Whale' for teamwork bee, 'Sully the Seahorse' for resilient tortoise and 'The Worry Monster' for empathy chameleon.

Other:

Over the next few weeks we will be using 'BugClub' for our guided reading sessions which you can also access at home. Your child's bug club account can be found at: <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0&l=0> where they have a selection of online, interactive books that are available to them that are at the appropriate book level. Your child's login details are stuck in the front of their reading diaries. We have also read books on Bug Club during whole class Phonics sessions and the children absolutely love it!

Have a wonderful weekend

Take care and stay safe,

The Early Years Team