



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, we have continued our new maths unit on multiplication and division. We have continued to recap and remind children of the layout for written multiplication calculations. The children have continued to find this difficult. If you wish to support your child further with this, it is all on Google Classroom and can be accessed for further practise.

We would like to remind you that it is imperative that children continue to practise their times tables. Please can we ask that you support your child by regularly practising these by using Times Tables Rockstars or by playing games that reinforce these at home. We have explained this to children and reminded them that we can see when they last logged on and practised. For most children, this is not happening regularly. Times Tables are a vital tool in children's learning and a lot of children are finding this unit particularly tricky as they are not secure in their times tables knowledge.

In English, we have continued looking at the prologue for the book Sky Song. We will be reinforcing our understanding of clauses and commas within this unit of work as well as working towards creating our own version of the text. Lots of children have expressed an interest in the book, which is written by Abi Elphinstone, and have asked where they could find it and read it themselves. We have already loaned out the library copies, but you can look in local libraries or online if your child is interested.

As it has continued to be cold this term, please can we remind you that children need to bring a coat each day; we also encourage gloves, hats and scarves, but please make sure everything is named! We would also advise that children are wearing winter PE kit – grey jogging bottoms with their Worplesdon T-shirt and a grey jumper – as our PE is outside this term. They are more than welcome to wear their shorts underneath.

Finally, just a reminder that swimming lessons will begin after February half term and run for ten sessions. The content of these lessons is a statutory, National Curriculum requirement for all children. This will be £60 for the full ten sessions covering coach costs and swimming instructor costs. As stated in our letter, which came out this week, it is our aim to take every child swimming, but must also cover costs in order for these lessons to go ahead. It is therefore necessary that we request a voluntary contribution from each family for the full amount of the cost per child. Please make sure this is paid via your Parentmail account. If you have any questions or concerns about swimming, please contact your child's class teacher and speak with them directly; we are more than happy to help!

Additionally, we are looking for parent helpers, who have a valid DBS, to support on these days. If you are able to help, please let the office know. Thank you in advance.

Due to swimming being our PE for these weeks after half term, children will need to wear PE kits on swimming days and PPA PE days, which will be as follows:

### **JACKDAWS AND OWLS**

Mondays (swimming) and Tuesdays (PPA PE)

### **ROBINS**

Tuesdays (PPA PE) and Fridays (swimming).

Children will be expected to wear normal school uniform on Wednesdays please.

Thank you for your support.



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