



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

28.1.2022

What a wonderful week it has been!

This week's learning:

In Phonics, we have been recapping all previously taught sounds and tricky words/harder to read and spell words, and learned the graphemes 'ure,' 'er,' and 'ow (snow)'. In Literacy, we tweaked Handa's Surprise by adding in a hippo who took a watermelon from Handa's basket! We created our own zig-zag book on the story focusing on what happens at the beginning, middle and end of the story. In Maths, we measured capacity, measured ingredients by making our own playdough (which the children have taken home today) and looked at the composition of 6. In Understanding the World, we explored the continent of Africa. We explored different countries in Africa, looked at the similarities and differences between the countries within Africa and learned about some African animals.

Next week's learning:

In Phonics, we will be recapping all previously taught sounds and harder to read and spell. We will be learning the new harder to read and spell words; when and what. We talk about 'what' having a 'hat' in it and 'when' having a 'hen' in it. In Literacy, we will be reading the poem, 'Walking with my Iguana', discussing the rhythm and rhyme in the story and coming up with actions to support our retelling. The book is set in South America. In Maths, we will be sorting 6, 7, & 8, matching 6, 7, & 8 and working out one more and one less than a given number. In Understanding the World, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year by learning about the festival and making lanterns. On Thursday afternoon, we will be having an African Drumming workshop linked to our topic of Around the World. We will film the children performing with their African drums and upload it onto Google Classroom for you to watch. In our assembly with Mrs O'Brien the children will be focusing on the value of the month, independence.

Other:

As you may know, we get through A LOT of tissues! With this in mind, please could we ask for a donation of tissues for the children to blow their noses with. Thank you for your support with this. Additionally, we are running low on plain white paper. If you are able to donate a ream of paper, we would be really grateful. Thank you for your continued support.

A website that you may enjoy using is Phonics Play: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>. There are a range of free games you can play. The games the children enjoy at school are: Buried Treasure, Dragon's Den and Picnic on Pluto. Another website you may find useful is <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=1>. If you type in Topmarks EYFS maths to google, you will get a range of maths games.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Take care and stay safe,
The Early Years Team