



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 28th January

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, we have started looking at division and are working on developing our understanding of this. We are making links between multiplication and division and constantly emphasising the need for the children to know and be confident with their tables. With this in mind, please can I again 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 continue to develop our understanding of clauses and commas within this unit of work as well as working towards creating our own version of the text.

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are being encouraged by their children to 'just sign' their reading diary, regardless of whether or not they have read. Whilst we understand that the children are competitive and want to ensure they have their turn on Homeworkopoly, we would like to remind parents that reading four times a week is an expected homework and should be done honestly, so that it is fair for all children. We would like to be rewarding those who have done their reading, rather than those who have not been honest in their reading diaries. If you are having problems with reading at home, please let us know, so that we can support you with this, rather than signing off reading that has not been done. Thank you to those who are continuing to support us with this each week.

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.

We recently received confirmation of the new date for our Young Voices concert at the O2: Tuesday 24th May. More details on this, including how to get refunds for audience tickets if you can no longer attend, will come out as soon as it is available. Thank you for your patience. For now, if you are still able to attend and have not yet accepted the transferred tickets in the app, please can you do so. Thank you.

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!

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)



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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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