



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 4th February

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, we have continued 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 have worked to develop our understanding of clauses and commas within this unit of work and this week have created our own versions of the text. The children have been really creative in their story writing and used lots of the grammar elements that we have focussed on within their writing, which has been great to see.

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 the first week back after February half term and run for ten sessions. Please can we remind Robins class that they need to bring a packed lunch on Fridays now. Please can we also remind Jackdaws and Owls to come to school on MONDAY in their PE kit, with their swimming kit underneath.

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).



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

Thank you for your support.

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