



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support. We can't believe we are already half way through the year. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved so far!

This week's learning:

In Phonics, it was review week and we reviewed all previously taught sounds and harder to read and spell words and applied them to our reading and writing. In Literacy, we tweaked 'I'm walking with my Iguana' and changed it to, 'I'm walking with my Gorilla!' We modelled choosing part of the story to draw and talked about the shapes we used to support drawing. We then used our 'magic' to turn the children into robots and the children helped us to label the picture and add a sentence to match. In Maths, we made pairs, combined two groups, added more and compared height using the language shorter and taller. In our assembly with Mrs O'Brien, we talked about things we can do to help ourselves linking to children's mental health week.

Learning after half term:

After half term, our new topic will be, 'People Who Help Us'. Each week, we will learn about a new occupation. The first occupation we will learn about is Lifeguards. We will begin by reading a non-fiction book about lifeguards and then we will model drawing a picture from the book, labelling it and adding a sentence. We will also be using the character Lifeguard Penny from Fireman Sam to inspire the children. We will have small world characters from Fireman Sam in our water tray to encourage children to tell stories using taught vocabulary. In PSED, we will be discussing what the qualities are of a lifeguard, such as; brave and kind. In Phonics, we will recap all previously taught sounds represented by the grapheme (the written form) and we will learn the new harder to read and spell words; said, so, have. In Maths, we are comparing length, ordering days of the week, measuring height and measuring time. When measuring time, we are focusing on the number of things we can do in a set time, e.g. how many laps of the playground you can do in 1 minute.

Other:

After half term our topic is, 'People Who Help Us'. We would love to have some outdoor visits from people who work in the emergency services or other jobs that help people. If you would be willing to come in and talk to the children about your job and possibly bring some equipment or vehicle to inspire them, then we would love to hear from you. Either catch one of us on the door or email either Mrs Tubb or Mrs McPhail.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,

The Early Years Team