



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 25th February

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you all had a safe and restful half term. We were really impressed with the whole year group during their first swimming lesson this week. The children came prepared and ready to learn. Even those who were a little nervous demonstrated resilience and perseverance in the pool and were supported by the SSP swimming teachers, who got in the pool to help.

This week in maths, we have started our long running unit on fractions. We have made it really clear to the children that fractions have clear links with Times Tables and therefore those who are less confident, should be practising regularly on Times Tables Rockstars to support their tables knowledge.

In English, we have continued looking at non-fiction texts and are working on developing our non-fiction writing styles, ensuring that we are more formal and factual with our vocabulary choices, yet still maintaining varying sentence structure and accurate punctuation. This week, the children had a choice of text to look at with each of the texts offering varying interesting historical points!

Thank you and well done to all of those who have returned their sponsor money for the 2022 challenge! We think there may still be quite a few people who have not yet returned their sponsorship money as we have not had many in. Please could we ask that these are sent into school as soon as possible as I know the PTA are keen to work out our total and work out what exciting things they can buy for the school.

Next week is Book Week, which will be very exciting! We have introduced the children to the story writing competition, which we are hoping lots will enter. Last year, we had so many entries, it was fantastic to see. The resources for this competition are available on Google Classroom. We'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you that Thursday 3rd March is dress up as a book character day.

As part of our celebrations for this year's World Book Day, and to encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we are running a sponsored read between Monday 28th February and Sunday 6th March. The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, JJ Lowes, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. If each child managed to raise £1.20 in sponsorship money then with the extra free books we would receive over £960 worth of books! Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words! The class who reads the most over the course of the week will get to choose an extra book for their classroom. The child from each Key Stage who reads the most will also win a £5 spend with Usborne! Good luck!

Over the coming weeks, we will be covering the Relationship and Sex Education topic of Puberty. This will involve the boys and girls learning about the changes in their bodies. We will ensure that all children have an understanding of the changes that males and females experience in order to foster a deep understanding of others. If you would like to talk to your child about this beforehand, we do encourage this. We also encourage children to ask questions of their parents after the lesson as well. We will not post the lesson on Google Classroom until after we have taught it in school as we would only encourage children to access it with a parent or after the lesson in school.

thank you for your continued support.

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