



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

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It has been a windy but fantastic first week back after half term!

This week's learning:

Our new topic this term is, 'People Who Help Us'. Each week, we will learn about a new occupation. This week the occupation we have learned about is Lifeguards. We began by reading a non-fiction book about lifeguards and then we modelled drawing a picture from the book, labelling it and adding a sentence. We used the character 'Lifeguard Penny' from Fireman Sam to inspire the children. We have small world characters from Fireman Sam in our water tray to encourage children to tell stories using the key vocabulary that is in the water tray. In PSED, we discussed the qualities of a lifeguard, such as; brave and kind. In Phonics, we recapped all previously taught sounds represented by the grapheme (the written form) and we learned the new harder to read and spell words; said, so, have. In Maths, we compared length, ordered days of the week, measured height and measured time. When measuring time, we are focused 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. On Thursday, we had our African Drumming workshop. The children had so much fun! We upload a video of the children performing using their African drums onto Google Classroom. Their login is the year they started school, the first four letters of their first name and the first four letters of their surname and then @wps.school e.g. 21mcpchar@wps.school . Every Tuesday we now have the lovely Amy Astley, who comes in and does a short session with the children teaching them sign language. So far, the children have learned colours, animals and good afternoon.

Next week's learning:

Next week, we will be learning about doctors, nurses and hospital staff. We are lucky enough to have a visit from a parent who is a nurse to show the children all about their job and some of their tools, for example syringes, bandages, stethoscopes etc. In Phonics, we will be recapping all previously taught sounds and harder to read and spell words. We will be learning the new harder to read or spell words; were, out, like. In Literacy, we will be sharing a non-fiction book about doctors, nurses and hospital staff and then using that to inspire our drawings and writing. In Maths, we will be representing and sorting numbers 9 and 10, ordering numerals to 10 and the composition of numbers 9 and 10. In Understanding the World, we will be learning about why we celebrate pancake day and then we will make our own pancakes, choose our toppings and then eat up our delicious pancakes. We will talk to the children about making healthy choices. We will have an option of fruits and treats to go on top of the pancakes. We will talk about how it is ok to have treats but in moderation. It is also World Book Week! On Tuesday for Swifts and Wednesday for Swallows, we are having a virtual visit from the author, Timothy Knapman where he will be doing a workshop on the story, Jack and the Beanstalk. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's costumes on Thursday!

Other:

Please may we ask, if anyone has borrowed any socks, underwear or other clothing from school, that they return it as soon as possible. We are running really low! Additionally, please may we ask that everyone has a spare pair of underwear, socks and clothing in their bags just in case your child has an accident. In your child's book bag this week, there will be a sponsorship form and a reading log for our 'Ready, Steady, Read' challenge.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,

The Early Years Team