



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had in school this week to celebrate book week. The children have enjoyed author workshops, dress up days and lots of reading in the classroom to name a few. We hope the children have shared some of the exciting activities that they have participated in this week.

### Curriculum

As writers we have tweaked the story of “Jasper’s Beanstalk”. We are still focussing on interesting sentence starters and the children are getting so good at suggesting some interesting ways to start their sentences. We have challenged the children to add extra details using adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions whilst remembering capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. All with the best handwriting they can.

As mathematicians we have continued our work on place value for numbers up to and including 50. We have used the symbols for greater than, less than and equals to in order to compare numbers we have made using equipment.

As historians we have continued to investigate and interpret the past by exploring what it was like in a Victorian classroom. We have enjoyed sorting pictures to show what was in a Victorian classroom.

As artists we have used clay to practise techniques such as rolling, cutting, moulding and carving.

As computing experts, we have continued our work on coding. This week we have used the bubble programme on Purple Mash to add a ‘when clicked’ instruction for our work.

As athletes we have continued to use our skills of passing a ball and catching it in a mini game. We revisited the game from last week to fine tune these skills.

### Supporting at home

If you could continue to hear your child read every day this week that would be amazing.

In phonics this week we have been learning about alternative spelling patterns for some of the sounds we know as shown below:

**ai (ey – grey)**

**ai (ea – break)**

**ee (e – he, she, me)**

**igh (i – tiger, child, behind)**

### **BOOK FAIR:**

During book week we have had some lovely books for children to look at as part of our book fair. These books are available to buy by bringing the money into the school office. Mrs Lowes who runs our book fair has made some videos on her facebook page to give you more information. Please find the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/101609438676063/posts/325601839610154/?d=n>

<https://www.facebook.com/101609438676063/posts/324223936414611/?d=n>

### **HOME LEARNING:**

Next week we will have the opportunity to discuss your child’s next steps and progress. After this discussion we aim to send home a small resource pack to give you further ideas of how to support your child at home. We will identify in parents evening what areas would be best for your child to work on.



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In June your child will take part in a phonics screening check. This is a statutory assessment where children will be asked to read 20 real and 20 nonsense words using all of the phonics they have been taught. As part of the pack we will sent home a mat containing all of the taught sounds for them to practise at home and some ideas to explore blending with these further. Children who do not read the set amount of words accurately in the screening will need to re-take this assessment in Year 2. We will send more information out about this in the Summer term.

### **READING BOOKS:**

We hope you all saw the letter that was sent home to explain the change in our reading books. From Monday, books will now be changed on a Tuesday and a Friday as they were used to in Reception. For more information on this please watch the videos on google classroom which explain it further. Children may sometimes bring home additional books and this will be to practise specific skills or embed learning from school.

We are looking forward to seeing you all virtually next week for parents evening. Please remember that these are ten minute appointments so if there is anything specific your would like us to address in addition to your child's well being and curriculum development please let us know so that we can ensure we have time for this.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes

The Year One Team