



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 11th March

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, we have begun looking at biographies in English, beginning with retelling a biography of Elizabeth I. The children have been drawing upon their historical knowledge as well as unpicking the features of the text to understand what makes a biography a different type of text.

This week in maths, we have continued our unit on fractions. We have been working on converting mixed numbers and improper fractions, developing our understanding of how to convert between the two. We have been using pictures and diagrams to support, but also linking this to times tables and making the connections and links explicit to deepen the children's understanding. 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.

Next week, the children will be participating in some exciting spelling activities, which are designed to identify the best spellers in each house across the year group. These children will then have an opportunity to take part in the first Worplesdon Spelling Bee at the end of this term. The winners from this will then go through to an inter-school final with the chance to win the first BFLT Spelling Bee trophy! To be in with a better chance of doing well, we would encourage children to practise the Statutory Spellings for their Year group, which can be found on Google Classroom.

Next week, we also have many exciting plans for celebrating Red Nose Day. We will be launching a competition for children to design and make a habitat for their Red Nose using any materials that they like. These should be brought in to school on Friday and then the School Council will judge the winners! We will also be holding a bake sale on Wednesday whereby children will be asked to bring in red nose themed cakes or biscuits, which will then be on sale after school in the PAC. We will also be holding a red mufti day on Friday where the children are invited to come in wearing something red, with their Red Nose. If you would like to donate to the fundraising, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/Radhika-Woodruff> to make your donation.

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.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to Parents Evening this week. Whilst we are finding our way back to a new normal, we thank you for your continued support through virtual parents evening and look forward to seeing you face to face more often in the future!

Thank you for your continued support.

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