



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 1st April

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported their child in the completion of their Homework Passport this term. We spent some time this week sharing and celebrating what the children have done, and it's been so lovely to see what the children have created.

Please can we remind you that it is our statutory requirement to set homework. The Homework Passport was what we as a school, in communication with you as parents, agreed would be our Homework. As such, we are disappointed that there are still some children who have not completed the set number of tasks over the 13-week period. Without anything to share, the children do not feel valued or celebrated within the class. Please can we ask that you support your child, and the school, by working with your child to complete the Homework Passport. If there are difficulties at home, please contact your child's class teacher, so we can support with this and help your child feel included and a valuable member of the class by having something to share at the end of term.

This week, we concluded our unit of biographies in English, and have finished writing our own biography about Henry VIII or another significant Tudor. It has been really lovely to see the children embracing their historical knowledge and applying it within English, using their grammatical and sentence structure to vary their writing with an awareness of the reader. We've really enjoyed reading them as the week as gone on!

We have also continued our unit on fractions. We have been working on adding fractions, using our understanding of equivalent fractions and creating fractions with the same denominator in order to complete our calculations. We have been using pictures, numicon 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.

On Wednesday, we had the final of our Year 5 and 6 Spelling Bee. Our Year 5 representatives (Jonny, Shylo, Ruby and Emily) did really well with Ruby being the overall winner for Year 5 and 6! The house points won by the Y5/6 teams have been added to those won by the Y3/4 teams and the overall winner was announced in Friday's assembly. This team will go forward to represent the school in the inter school final at Goldsworth Park in the summer term.

On Monday, we taught concluded our unit of Relationship and Sex Education topic of Puberty. This involved the boys and girls learning about the changes in their bodies. We made sure that all children understood the changes that males and females experience in order to foster a deep understanding of others. We encouraged children to ask questions of their parents after the lesson as well. We have now posted the lesson on Google Classroom.

Please can we ask that you take a moment over the holidays to check that your child has everything they need in their pencil case. Lots of these things run out quite quickly. Children should have:

- A glue stick
- Green biro
- Blue pen for writing
- Whiteboard pen
- Pencil
- Whiteboard rubber (a cloth works well)

After the Easter Holidays, we will be working on a unit of Art that involves making sculptures from recycled materials. Please can you begin collecting items at home (plastic bottles, cardboard items, yoghurt pots, etc). Please could you bring any items collected into your classroom after the holidays. The more items we have, the more creative we can be with our sculptures!



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Also after the Easter Holidays, we shall be resuming our weekly practise of the Young Voices songs and dances in preparation for the concert at the O2 on May 24th. We will also be looking at securing a date when we can perform in school for those parents unable to attend the concert at the O2. Please can you remind your child to go onto the Young Voices website (details on Google Classroom) and practise over the holidays to refresh their memories.

Next term, we are also looking for parent volunteers to hear children read during the school day. We are looking for people who are available on a Thursday and/or Friday afternoon 1-3 and have a valid Worplesdon DBS. If you don't have a DBS, but would be interested in doing this, these can be obtained from the office. If you are able to support us with this, please email lhines@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk letting us know your dates/times that you would be able to come in. Thank you in advance for your support!

As it is a Bank Holiday on the first week back after the Easter Holidays, there is no swimming on Monday or Friday. Swimming will resume on the first full week back after the Easter holidays (week commencing 25th April). Robins' catch up session is scheduled for Friday 17th June.

Thank you for your continued support.

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