



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

1.4.2022

Wow! We can't believe we are already at the Easter holidays! We have had a fantastic term, and we have lots of exciting things planned for the Summer term!

This week's learning:

In Literacy, we have been learning about Builders. We used Bob the Builder as our hook to inspire the children. We modelled drawing a picture of Bob the Builder, labelling it and adding a sentence. Towards the end of the week, we drew pictures of the tools builders use, labelled and then added a sentence to match. In Phonics, we have been recapping all previously taught sounds represented by the graphemes and practised writing the harder to read or spell words; the, to, was, said, my, so, have, one, do, some. In Maths, we have been consolidating all the maths we have learnt over the Spring term such as, number recognition and composition of numbers to 10. In Understanding the World, we learnt about Easter and why Christians celebrate Easter. We did this at an age appropriate level, we began by reading a story called 'We are all different' and talked about different festivals people celebrate, e.g. Diwali, Christmas, Easter, Eid. We also read the 'Easter Journal' which tells the children about the things some families do to celebrate Easter, such as an Easter egg hunt, easter craft, going to church and planting seeds and talking about how for Christians Easter is about celebrating new life. Additionally, we shared all the children's Homework Passports that were completed with the class. We put the pictures up on the big screen, the children stood in front of their friends and told us about their learning.

Next week's learning:

Our topic next term is 'Look at me grow'. We will spend the first few weeks learning about animals before moving onto plants, minibeast and humans. On the first day back we are 'egg-specting' an 'egg-citing' surprise delivery! We will be using this surprise to support our learning for the first two weeks. In Literacy we will be observing, drawing and writing about our 'egg-citing' delivery throughout the week and will be making diaries to record our observations. In Phonics, we will be continuing to recap all previously taught sounds and graphemes and applying our phonic knowledge to orally blending, reading and writing CVCC/CCVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant words). In Maths we will be starting to look at numbers to 20 and beyond. We will be focusing on teen numbers 11-15, looking at the composition of the numbers, how we know they are teen numbers, representing them on tens frames through games and matching numerals to representations. In Communication and Language we will be reading questions to help us guess a hidden animal.

Other:

Exciting news! We are now allowed parents helpers back in school! This could be for things such as reading 1:1 with children. Before becoming a parent helper you will need to get a Worplesdon Primary School DBS check. If you speak to the ladies in the office they can direct you on how to complete this. As you know Mrs Tubb is leaving us today to have her baby, on Wednesday Mrs Brooks our new Swallows class teacher came to visit Swallows and she is looking forward to seeing them all on the first day back! We are sure you will want to join us in thanking Mrs Sherlock for her amazing work with Swallows this last half term, the children have loved having her!

In order to promote E-Safety both at home and at school, the class E-Safety Champions have met with Miss Nutbeen and have decided to set up an E-Safety poster competition! The competition is open to all children from Reception to Year 6. If your child would like to enter, they should create a poster that informs/reminds people how to stay safe online and is bold, colourful and bright. There will be a prize for the winning poster per year group. Completed posters should be given to your child's class E-Safety Champion or Miss Nutbeen (Larks - Year 2) by **Friday 22nd April**, with a name and class on the back.

Update: **Swifts** class assembly will be on **Friday 13th May** and **Swallows** class assembly will be on **Friday 10th June**. The hall is open from 2:30pm and then class assemblies will start at 2:40.

As many of you know, today is Mrs Tubb's last day before starting maternity leave. We want to wish her all the best with her exciting new chapter and thank her for all of her hard work in Reception over the years. She will be massively missed from our team whilst she's away and by the children!

We hope you have a fabulous Easter break! The Early Years Team