



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed for the start of an exciting Spring term ahead.

### Golden Leaf Winners

#### Finches

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| 6.1.23 | Jacob | Bronze | For showing resilience in a new class. Welcome to Finches.                             |
| 6.1.23 | Jaxon | Silver | For making good choices with his learning and for showing more independence this week. |

#### Blackbirds

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| 6.1.23 | Cormac | Silver | For always following school rules and instructions well and showing empathy towards others. |
| 6.1.23 | Leo    | Silver | for showing our value of friendship well when supporting his friends with learning.         |

### Curriculum

As writers we have been learning a new story called 'Lost and Found.' We have been using a text map to help us retell the story using actions to help us. We have been identifying the conjunctions in the text and started to think about how we could use them in our writing.

As mathematicians we have been learning about weight and mass. We have been finding the mass of objects using standard units of measure, grams. We have also been comparing the mass of objects using the terms heavier and lighter.

As artists we have been printing repeating patterns using classroom objects. We have seen what colours we can make by using only the primary colours to begin with.

As athletes we are starting a new unit called Hit, Run, Catch. This week we are rolling balls and looking for spaces. We started to be fielders and return the ball to a hoop to score points.

As Scientists we have been classifying animals including humans into their animal groups. E.g. mammals, amphibians, birds etc. We have been listening to this song to help us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VixROiu8Qg>

As computing experts we have been practising logging on to Numbots and playing maths games to earn rewards on this game.

### Forest Schools

Finches had a fantastic half term of Forest School before Christmas and this half term it is Blackbirds turn. Emails have gone out to you to let you know which day your child will be taking part along with what they will need to wear. If you have any questions then please let us know.

### Phonics

In phonics we are now reviewing the sounds that we have learnt so far this year.

It is really helpful if the children can use the sheet that we sent home to practise the graphemes learnt. The word mats that also came home are words that children need to read and spell by the end of Year 1 so any work on these is also helpful.

The banded books that have been sent home match your child's phonic knowledge so please hear them read at least **3 times a week and record it in their reading diary.**

### Numbots



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NumBots is an online game and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited by the impact NumBots will have. It would be helpful if your child could spend some time at home playing on NumBots.

Below is a reminder of the children's log in details.

**Username:** 21 first four letters of forename and first four letters of surname. For example: 21chlosmit

**Password:** 21Redman

The children can also log in with a pin which they have been doing in class. If you want to know the pin, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Contact

Please do contact us if you have any questions or concerns using our email addresses below. Alternatively you can call into the office or catch us on the door in the mornings or afternoons.

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Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break!

Best wishes

The Year One Team