



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, we would like to wish you all a happy new year and say a huge well done to the children for coming back to school this week full of smiles. The children have settled back into school very quickly and have been impressing us with their excellent attitudes to learning.

This week in English, we have introduced the children to the story 'My Friend the Weather Monster' by Steve Smallman. Our focus this week has been varying the way sentences begin. The children have sequenced the story and had a go at writing it using a text map. Next week, the children will continue their work on sentence starters through 'My Friend the Weather Monster', tweaking the story by creating their own character.

In Maths this week, the children have been looking at division. We have been sharing objects equally between groups. The children have explored division practically and pictorially and have impressed us with their understanding. Next week, we will continue to learn about division.

Our new topic for this half term is The UK. We will be exploring this in our Geography lessons and in Science where we will be learning about living things and their habitats. There is a new homework passport for the Spring Term which will soon be available on Google Classroom.

### **School Trip**

On Thursday 16th March 2023, we will be taking the children on a school trip to Marwell Zoo as part of our Science topic 'animals including humans'. Just a reminder that this will be an extended school day, with the coach leaving Marwell at 2.30pm, and arriving back at school by about 4pm (traffic permitting). This is so that we have as much time at Marwell as possible. If you are available on this day, and would like to volunteer as a parent helper, it would be greatly appreciated - we cannot run these trips without your help! 😊 Parent helpers will need to have a valid DBS through the school. If you do not have a DBS, or are unsure whether yours is valid, and would like to help, please contact the school office and they will be happy to help.

### **Reading at home and Bug Club**

Just a reminder that the children should be reading at home at least 3 times a week. This really helps with their phonics, reading, spelling and writing. We regularly check the children's reading diaries to assess how the children are getting on with their current book band, so it is helpful if this is filled in each time your child reads at home. Thank you for your support with this. Each child also has their own Bug Club account. This is a really great website that the school pays for, for children to access and read books matching their reading level. We have spent time this week updating the site, so that the children's book levels match the level of books they are bringing home. Below, you will find their log on details. Please let your child's class teacher know if you have any questions.

**Website:** [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

**Username:** Your child's username will be 20, followed by the first four letters of their first name and the first four letters of their last name. For example, Bobby Smith would be **20bobbmit**.

**Password:** 20Redman

**School Code:** mt6w



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### **Golden Leaves**

Congratulations to all of our golden leaf recipients this week! Well done for all of your hard work - we are so proud of you!

### **Larks**

Sophia - For always being a kind friend and letting others join in with games - well done!

Arthur - For some fantastic work in maths this week, sharing objects into equal groups - well done!

Tim - For challenging yourself in maths with the chilli challenges - well done!

Jacob - For working so hard in English this week - well done!

### **Doves**

Jacob R - For being resilient and showing curiosity during English this week - Well Done!

Riley F - For coming back to school with a smile and enjoying his learning - Well Done!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions throughout the year. Our email addresses are below.

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