



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 6th January

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and a happy new year to you all! The children have settled back into school routines with a positive mind set and great enthusiasm. We are looking forward to the Spring Term ahead.

Learning

In English this week, the children enjoyed writing a variety of poems about dragons and performing these to their peers. They showed lots of courage and resilience. This links nicely to our next writing unit next week which is a non-chronological report based on Toothless the Dragon.

Our topic this term is Stone Age – Iron Age. The children had their first History lesson of the unit identifying where the Stone Age – Iron Age sits within British Ancient History and learning all about timelines. Next week, we will be learning more about the Stone Age.

Homework

During the Autumn term, Year 5 and 6 have been using an online learning platform called Atom Prime for homework in replacement of the homework passport which has been very positive. Atom Prime helps children succeed in English, Maths and Science. A key aspect of the platform is its use of artificial intelligence which adapts the questions within a specific topic to the children's individual needs. For example, if children are getting lots of questions correct, the following questions will be made more challenging. Equally, if they are getting some of the questions wrong, the system will adapt so that they don't get frustrated. Atom Prime provides help sheets, videos and worked examples to help them complete the homework. This term Year 3 and 4 are going to trial using this platform for maths homework. More information will be provided next week with what this will look like moving forward.

In addition, we do appreciate that some children enjoy completing the homework passport. Therefore we will still be uploading homework passport activities onto Google Classroom for children to access if they wish to, however this is optional. If children choose to complete homework passport activities, class teachers will of course love to see their work and praise them for what they have achieved.

Reminders

We have noticed that in the mornings some children are waiting outside the classroom on their own without an adult before 8:50. Please can you remind your children that if they arrive early, they need to wait on the playground where there are members of staff to supervise.

With regards to pokemon cards or similar, children are allowed to bring a small amount in to play with however we do not allow children to 'trade' with one another. Ideally, they should be brought in within a container / folder so they don't get lost if loose.

Golden Leaves

We would like to congratulate these children who received a golden leaf this week:

Kathleen - For continually following the school values, working hard and being a good friend.

Ella – For coming into school with positivity and a big smile and always offering a helping hand.

Chloe M – For brilliant work in History sharing all her knowledge.

Alfie – For an amazing start to the term and all his hard work and perseverance with his handwriting.

Omar – For brilliant enthusiasm and participation in phonics this week.

Alice – Mae - For performing a poem in front of the whole class with great enthusiasm.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

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