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## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 6th January

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a very happy new year. We are so excited about all of the upcoming events we have in the Spring term!

Just a kind reminder that the next instalment of the residential is due on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you to those who have already paid.

Our new topic for this term is 'The Ancients' which excitingly explores the Egyptians this half term. In February, we will be having an Egyptian workshop which will also be a dress up day. Please bare in mind that this is approaching, but we ask that you do not buy a costume specifically for it, but rather use items the children already own. Please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher if you have any further questions about this.

Nightingales will be performing their class assembly next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to seeing you there and performing to you.

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.

Congratulations to the children who have received golden leaves this week:

Harvey A - For incredible Maths work on factor pairs

Charlie W - For demonstrating fantastic effort in Music and making yourself the best you can be

Mikko A - For returning to school with a smile on his face and being full of positivity!

Luke M - For returning to school full of positivity and always being so keen to achieve!

Lacey M - For your great questions during hot seating in English

Alexander S - For your great contributions in maths this week

We are very proud of you all!

Finally, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher on the emails below:

Nightingales: Miss Hines <a href="mailto:lhines@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk">lhines@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk</a>
Kingfishers: Miss Piercy <a href="mailto:kpiercy@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk">kpiercy@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk</a>
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Thank you for your continued support,



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The Year 4 Team