



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a great week of learning we have had in Year 2! The children have been learning about the 4 countries of the United Kingdom as part of our Geography topic on The UK. They have also started to explore sculpture in Art.

This week in English, the children have been tweaking the story 'My Friend the Weather Monster' by Steve Smallman. They have changed their weather character and the setting. Our focus this week has been varying the way sentences begin. Next week, the children will continue their work on sentence starters by creating their own story, inspired by 'My Friend the Weather Monster'.

In Maths this week, the children have been looking at division. We have been dividing using our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The children have explored division practically and pictorially and have impressed us with their understanding. Next week, we will begin to learn about telling the time (focusing on o'clock and half past). This is a topic that children often struggle with, so it would be great if you could support this learning at home, using an analogue clock.

### **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**

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.

### **Homework Passport**

The spring term homework passport is now available on Google Classroom. We will go through the children's homework on the week beginning 27th March 2023. The children really enjoy sharing what they have been up to!

### **Resources**

As a year group, we use glue sticks and whiteboard pens multiple times a day and we have run very low on these. We would really appreciate any donations of these items! 😊

### **Aprons**

This term, we will be using clay in art. If you have not already brought in an apron, please could you provide your child with a named art apron (or an old t-shirt is fine!), so that we can keep their uniforms tidy.

### **Golden Leaves**



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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**

Joshie - For trying so hard in English every week - your sentences and handwriting have improved so much! Well done!

Charlotte - For having such a positive attitude towards your learning and being a kind friend - well done!

Neve - For challenging yourself with chilli challenges in maths and showing perseverance and resilience - well done!

### **Doves**

Jacob W - For being amazing this week on the carpet. Waiting your turn and showing patience and kindness to those around you - Well Done!

Logan - For showing resilience and perseverance in your writing this week - Well Done!

Dolcie - For being the most kind hearted friend at all times and showing the school values everyday - Well Done!

Scala - For becoming more and more independent during lessons - 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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