



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had another good week of learning in Year 1. On Tuesday we had a special performance from the Fantastic Fred team. They came in to share strategies with the children on how to look after their mental health. You might want to watch this video which was produced by the team to share the messages from the show:

<https://vimeo.com/493772413/76bbbc47ca>.

We're really excited about our trip on Tuesday 28th February to Milestones Museum near Basingstoke. The children will be exploring toys, games and other artefacts from history to support our History learning at school. The cost of the trip is £18.75. If any parents have a current DBS for our school and would be happy to help please speak to class teachers. There will another letter with more details coming soon.

### Golden Leaf Winners

#### Finches

27.1.23	Mabel	Silver	For using her writing skills to make her own story books at home and at school.
27.1.23	Margot	Silver	For some fantastic writing this week using a variety of punctuation.

#### Blackbirds

27.1.23	Beauden	Silver	For joining in with PE, catching and throwing the ball.
27.1.23	Maddie	Silver	For always trying her best and for completing all the learning tasks.

### Curriculum

As writers we have been writing our retelling of The Storm Whale. Our focus for the next three weeks is using a variety of punctuation including capital letters, full stops, commas, exclamation marks and question marks. Here is a video of the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stTgKoEXS7U>

As mathematicians we have been continuing to explore the place value of 2-digit numbers up to 20. We have been comparing and ordering numbers up to 20. We have been representing these numbers in different ways. E.g. counters, Numicon, part part whole models, number sentences, Base 10 etc.

As artists we have been continuing to develop our drawing skills. This week we have focused on drawing fruit and shading them in with colouring pencils. We have also been adding details to our drawings.

As athletes we are continuing our unit called Hit, Run, Catch. This week we have been using our hands to hit a ball.

As Scientists we have been investigating simple food chains and understanding that the arrows point in the direction of the transfer of energy.

As computing experts we have been practising our coding skills on PurpleMash. We have been practising our resilience when debugging the code.

As geographers we have been looking at maps of the school and looking at the human and physical features of the local area.

### Phonics

In phonics we have started to learn about some of the vowel alternatives.

This week we have learnt: ur - or / ur - ear / oo - ou / oa - ou / ee - ie / v - ve / l - y  
artwork, earth, soup, boulder, field, have, sycamore



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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

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 good weekend.

Best wishes

The Year One Team