



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

10.2.2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support. We can't believe we are already half way through the year. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved so far!

### This week

In Literacy, we have learnt all about animals in their natural environments. We have discussed how it is helpful for us all to look after the environment. We have linked our learning back to the story 'Dear Greenpeace' and written letters about ways we can help look after the environment e.g. putting litter in the bin.

In Maths, the children have really enjoyed using balance scales to learn about mass / weight. They have explored what happens to the balance when objects are placed in the pans. We have used the words heavy / light / heavier / lighter to compare different objects.

In UW (understanding the world) we read the story 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' written by Sarah Roberts. We have explored how important it is to put litter in the bin and used the story to promote discussions about how we all play a part in looking after our world.

### Phonics

This week has been review week in Phonics and we have revised all previously taught sounds. Please see all the sounds taught so far this term. Please continue to practice these at home with your child.

<b>ar</b>	<b>ur</b>	<b>oo (food)</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>ow (growl)</b>
<b>oi</b>	<b>ear</b>	<b>air</b>	<b>ure (sure)</b>	<b>er</b>
<b>ow (snow)</b>				

We have also revised harder to read and spell words taught this term. Please continue to practice these at home with your child.

<b>they</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>are</b>	<b>ball</b>	<b>tall</b>
<b>when</b>	<b>what</b>			

Please continue to hear your child read and encourage them to spot taught sounds and blend to read words. Regular practice of recognising harder to read and spell words will also be a great support. We really appreciate your partnership in helping your child to read.

### Golden Leaf Winners

#### Swifts

10.2.23	Freddie	For putting maximum effort into his learning, we are so proud of you Freddie!
10.2.23	Sky W	For amazing phonics during whole class and group sessions, well done!
10.2.23	Sylvie	For always showing kindness to everyone and being a wonderful role model.

#### Swallows

10.2.23	Isabelle	For writing a list of resources and step by step instructions on how to make a poppy from
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		junk modelling. Well done!
10.2.23	Ernie	For showing resilience and a 'can do attitude' when applying his phonics during reading sessions. Well done!

After half term, our new topic will be 'People Who Help Us'. We will learn all about people who help us at home, school and then move onto learning about different occupations e.g. vets. We have lots of fun learning planned for the children and we know they are going to thoroughly enjoy this topic!

### Other

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February is an Inset day.
- Children return to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### 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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We hope you have a wonderful half term 😊

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team