

## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for all your support, it is wonderful to see the children being so excited about what they are learning.

Please can you start collecting the **cardboard inner tubes** from toilet rolls and kitchen rolls as we need them for our DT activities after half term.

Next half term it will be **Finches** turn to have their **Forest School** sessions with Mrs Sherlock. All Finches will need wellies and long trousers to participate. Blackbirds have had some wonderful sessions this half term.

We're really looking forward to our trip on <u>Tuesday 28th February to Milestones Museum</u> 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.

#### **Golden Leaf Winners**

#### **Finches**

10.2.23	Luke	Silver	For challenging himself in Maths this week to do all the chillis.
10.2.23	Lily C	Silver	For showing independence and resilience with her work this half term.
Blackbirds			
10.2.23	Alfie	Silver	For showing good resilience with maths when facing new challenges
10.2.23	Marnie	Silver	For working hard on her comprehension skills for reading.

## Curriculum

As writers we have been inventing our own stories based on The Storm Whale. Our focus is using a variety of punctuation including capital letters, full stops, commas, exclamation marks and question marks. Here is a video of the story: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stTgKoEXS7U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stTgKoEXS7U</a>

As mathematicians we have been finding doubles (8+8) and using near doubles (8+9) to solve problems.

As artists we have used our drawing skills and looked at the work of Arcimboldo, whose faces made of fruit we have used as inspiration.

As athletes we are continuing our unit called Hit, Run, Catch. This week we have run between bases to score points as part of a game.

As religious experts we have heard stories from the Old and New Testament parts of the Bible. We have learnt that the bible is a special book for Christians.

As computing experts we have been practising our coding skills on PurpleMash using the "when clicked" command. As geographers we have made maps and used the language, countryside, coast, city and village.

#### **Phonics**

In phonics we have started to learn about some alternatives.

This week we have learnt: ch written as **tch** (match), air written as **ear** (pear), air written as **ere** (there), air written as **are** (care)

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*.

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#### 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 happy half term.

Best wishes

The Year One Team