



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have worked really hard to fit everything into our short 4 day week, their handwriting is developing well and we are focussing on this in every area of the classroom.

Please continue collecting the **cardboard inner tubes** from toilet rolls and kitchen rolls as we need them for our DT activities next week.

**Finches** have their **Forest School** sessions with Mrs Sherlock and will need wellies and long trousers to participate.

We're really looking forward to our trip next week 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.

### Golden Leaf Winners

#### Finches

24.2.23	Alfie	Silver	For showing resilience when making his winding mechanism in DT.
24.2.23	Lily	Silver	For showing independence with her writing this week.
24.2.23	Aaisha	Silver	For always showing kindness to others.

#### Blackbirds

24.2.23	Cohen	Silver	For showing good teamwork skills when talking in paired discussions.
24.2.23	Olive	Silver	For working hard to apply her great handwriting across all areas of learning.
24.2.23	William	Silver	For excellent independent work on finding number bonds.

### Curriculum

As writers we have been writing our retelling of How to Catch a Dragon. Our focus is finding the verb in each sentence. Here is a video of the story : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHDeEJ-9utI>

As mathematicians we have been subtracting using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero. We have counted back on a number line and found the difference between two numbers.

As designers we have designed and made products with a winding mechanism.

As athletes we are continuing a second unit called Hit, Run, Catch. This week we have run between bases to score points as part of a game and used over arm and under arm throwing techniques.

As computing experts we have used 2Create a Story on PurpleMash. We have selected a background and drawn a character for our story.

As historians we have placed events and artefacts on a timeline and talked about the past, present and future in our lives.

In Learning for Life we have thought about how to make healthy lifestyle choices.

### Phonics



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In phonics we have are reviewing the alternatives we learnt before half term.

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 happy half term.

Best wishes

The Year One Team