



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

24.2.2023

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

Our new topic this term is, 'People Who Help Us'.

In Literacy, we have been thinking about who helps us at home. The children thoroughly enjoyed discussing how family members help them and we used these ideas to inspire our writing. The children have drawn pictures, labelled and added a sentence to their work.

In Maths, we have looked at the composition of 6, 7 and 8. We have explored different ways to make each number e.g. 4 and 2, 5 and 1.

In EAD, we have been learning how to follow step by step instructions to help us draw people with extra details. We have been working on using a pencil to draw careful outlines and then using past skills to help add extra details to our pictures e.g. selecting a thin / thick brush, collage.

### Phonics

Thank you for all your support with assisting your child to recall our phonics sounds that we have been busy learning together in class since September. Our phonics scheme now has a pause on learning new sounds and our focus has moved to mastering the skill of blending words e.g. l-oo-k look, b-oat-t boat ... to support our reading fluency.

After our recent assessments in class, we will continue sending home an ELS decodable reading book to support your child with their blending and recall of our HRS (harder to read and spell) words e.g. me, go, was. We are now working on building reading fluency and independent reading skills. We will review reading books regularly in school to ensure they are continuing to support your child on building their reading fluency skills.

Please continue to support your child with recall of previously taught sounds, sight recognition of HRS words and building their fluency by re-reading sentences in their reading books.

We have taught the following HRS (harder to read and spell) words this week: **said, so, have.**

### Golden Leaf Winners

#### Swifts

24.2.23	Sidney	For putting maximum effort in when choosing his learning. Well done.
24.2.23	Sky M	For being a wonderful role model and living by our school rules. Well done.

#### Swallows

24.2.23	Tommy	For being a resilient tortoise during phonics sessions, always sounding out and blending the words before writing them beautifully on his whiteboard. Well done!
24.2.23	William	For being a teamwork bee and leading his friends when building a stage and producing a rock concert with his friends in our outdoor classroom. Well done!



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### Next week's learning:

In Literacy, we will be moving onto people who help us at school. The children will be drawing pictures, labelling them using their sounds and writing a sentence to match.

In Maths, we will be sorting and matching numbers 6, 7, & 8. We will be matching pairs of numbers through different representations of each number e.g.



The children will also learn how to combine two groups to find a total.

In EAD, we will be using step by step instructions to help us draw with extra details. Our focus next week will be on different buildings, looking carefully at the shapes we can see.

### Other

- A website that you may enjoy using is Phonics Play: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>. There are a range of free games you can play. The games the children enjoy at school are: Buried Treasure, Dragon's Den and Picnic on Pluto (Phase 2 and 3)
- Another website you may find useful is 'Topmarks Maths'. If you type in Topmarks EYFS maths to Google, you will get a range of maths games.
- It is World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. As always, the children are welcome and encouraged to come in dressed up as their favourite book character. Please note, this is NOT a mufti day. If they don't want to dress up as a book character they should come wearing their school uniform.



### 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 weekend 😊

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team