



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to start by thanking everyone for their support with Comic Relief this week. The children looked fantastic!

### Forest School Update

Next week Forest School should be the normal timetable of Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Golden Leaf Winners

#### Finches

17.3.23	Cassian	Gold	For using all of his taught skills in his writing this week including adjectives and adverbs.
17.3.23	Nicole	Gold	For always being a kind and thoughtful friend to others.

#### Blackbirds

17.3.23	Seb	Silver	For working hard on trying to use his best handwriting across all subjects.
17.3.23	Henry	Silver	For showing great focus and attention to detail in art.

### Curriculum

As writers we have been writing a retelling of our new text 'The Very Lazy Ladybird'. Our focus has been identifying and using suffixes correctly (-ed, -ing, -er). We have been impressed with the children's writing and it is lovely to see them using the adverbs we taught in the last block of work.

As mathematicians we have been exploring the place value of numbers up to 50. The children have been using number lines and number tracks as well as finding one more and one less than a number.

As artists we are creating our own artwork of minibeasts inspired by Matisse's 'The Snail'.

As athletes we are continuing a second unit called Hit, Run, Catch. This week we have been practising hitting a ball with power.

As computing experts we have continued to use 2Create a Story on PurpleMash to write and illustrate our own animated stories. This week we have been adding sound effects.

As historians we have explored the similarities and differences between modern and Victorian schools.

In Learning for Life we have continued to think about how to make healthy lifestyle choices with a focus on medicines.



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### Phonics

In phonics we have been reviewing the alternative graphemes taught so far as well as introducing the following alternative graphemes.

Sound (phoneme)	Alternative grapheme learnt	Example word
z	se	<b>cheese</b>
z	ze	<b>breeze</b>
ear	eer	deer
ear	ere	here
sh	ti	action

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 really beneficial.

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 lovely weekend.

Best wishes

The Year One Team