



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 24th March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had another busy week of learning this week and we are really impressed with the resilience and independence the children have shown.

Forest School Update

Next week will be the final session for Finches so please ensure they have spare trousers and wellies as the environment area is very muddy. They have really enjoyed their sessions with Mrs Sherlock. After Easter Mrs Sherlock will be having Forest School sessions with Reception. We know how much the children have enjoyed Forest Schools and we wish to say a massive thank you to Mrs Sherlock for running them.

Golden Leaf Winners

Finches

24.3.23	Francis	Gold	For working hard on his phonics for reading and writing.
24.3.23	Emi	Gold	For challenging herself to edit her writing using the tools in her toolkit.
24.3.23	Ava	Gold	For sharing information about Persian New Year so clearly with the class.

Blackbirds

24.3.23	Daniel	Bronze	For making a great start in Blackbirds and learning all the new routines
24.3.23	Leo	Gold	For working hard on his writing and using his best handwriting.
24.3.23	Emmy	Gold	For excellent artwork using lots of different collage skills well.

Curriculum

As writers we have been writing a tweaked version 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 fractions. The children have been physically finding half of shapes and we have also been finding half of a number using physical resources.

As artists we are creating our own artwork of minibeasts inspired by Matisse's 'The Snail'. Our challenge this week was to paint a background using paint.

As athletes we are continuing a second unit called Hit, Run, Catch. This week we have been learning how to catch a ball that has been hit in the air.

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 continuing to add sound effects.

As scientists we have been exploring forces. We are starting with observing how things move and making comparisons using the language 'faster than' and 'slower than'.

In Learning for Life we have been thinking about road safety.



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Phonics

In phonics we have been reviewing the alternative graphemes taught so far.

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

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