



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

21.4.2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a brilliant week we have had! We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back into the school routines and have enjoyed being back at school.

Returning from the Easter break, it was lovely seeing the children showing resilience when coming in independently in the morning. As we have reached the Summer Term we would like to continue to promote this independence in preparation for Year One and welcome your continued support with a prompt morning drop off at the door each morning.

You may have seen that we have been busy developing our outdoor classroom over the holidays. The children have shown such respect and care for the new learning resources, well done children!

This week

Our topic this term is 'Look at me grow'. We will spend the first few weeks learning about animals before moving onto plants, minibeast and humans.

In Literacy, we have been discussing our hobbies and favourite things to do such as reading, swimming or riding a bike. Over the week we added labels and sentences to our drawings.

In Maths, we have been exploring the names and properties of 3D shapes. We printed with 3D shapes onto the playdough, and the children guessed which 3D shape had been used to print the shape on the playdough, e.g. a cube was used to make the square on the playdough as they have square faces. For our mental maths warm up, we practised our number bonds to 10 by using numicon, our fingers and a tens frame for support.

Over the Easter holidays we have created a mud kitchen area in our outdoor classroom. The children have learnt different ways to use the mud kitchen, for example to follow a recipe or to role-play working at a café. The creativity and collaboration between the children as they explore this new area has been wonderful to watch!

Phonics

In Phonics, we continued to recap all previously taught sounds and graphemes and applied our phonic knowledge to orally blending, reading and writing CVCC/CCVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant words). Also, we added -ed onto the end of words such as land-ed and practised reading the words.

Please continue to practice the following HRS (harder to read and spell) words at home with your child.

said	so	have	were	out
like	what	some	come	there
Little	one	do	children	love

The banded books that have been sent home match your child's phonic knowledge so please hear them read regularly at home. We really appreciate your partnership in helping your child to read.

Golden Leaf Winners

Swifts



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21.4.23	Charlie	For being an excellent teamwork bee all the time.
21.4.23	William	For challenging himself when choosing his learning and persevering when things are tricky.

Swallows

21.4.23	Jackson	For putting 100% effort into all areas of learning this week. What a brilliant first week back. Well done!
21.4.23	Oscar	For taking care and consideration when drawing and painting his self portrait. Well done!

Next week's learning:

In Literacy, we will be celebrating our own and others achievements for example, being great at baking, a great footballer, a kind and caring friend. We will be adding labels and sentences to our drawings.

In Maths, we will be learning numbers to 20 and beyond. We will focus on teen numbers, looking at the composition of the numbers, how we know they are teen numbers, representing them on tens frames, using Numicon, through games and matching numerals to representations.

In PSED, we will be discussing what makes a good friend and how we can show these values and attributes e.g. kind hands, smiley face, taking turns. We will explore different ways in which we can help a friend if they need it.

Other

- We are very lucky to have Mrs Sherlock introducing the children to Forest Schools this term. Forest School will take place on either a Tuesday or Wednesday for each class. Mrs Sherlock will aim to run weekly sessions but we thank you in advance for your understanding if a session is unable to take place on a certain week.

For this we will be asking for each child to bring in a named bag with wellies / change of footwear (ie trainers) and a change of leggings / jogging bottoms. We like to try and experience Forest School whatever the weather. Please can you ensure your child has a jumper/coat in school on these days.

We will be asking for this bag to be brought into school on a **Tuesday** and we will return it on Wednesday.

Please can your child bring their Forest School bag in on every Tuesday moving forward with the first being next week, Tuesday 25th April.

- We are really excited about our school trip on **Thursday 18th May**, to Bocketts Farm. You will receive a letter outlining all the important information needed about the trip via ParentMail next week.

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 lovely weekend. 😊

Best wishes,

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