



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to summer term in Year 2! We hope you had a restful break. The children have settled back into school so well and have grown so much over the Easter holidays! We have started our new topic 'Amazing People'. Over the next term, we will spend time exploring some inspirational people in history and English.

This week in English, the children have been introduced to the story 'The Bog Baby'. We have been focussing on adding imaginative description, using adjectives, adverbs and sentence starters. We have been so impressed with the children's growing confidence and independence when writing! Next week, the children will have a go at writing their own story based on 'The Bog Baby'.

In Maths this week, the children have been learning about measures. We have explored height, length, volume, mass and temperature. Next week, we will be reviewing our learning about the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Resources

We are running very low on glue sticks and whiteboard pens in Year 2. We would really appreciate any donations of these, as we use them every day for our learning.

Parent helpers - Wisley Gardens Trip

On Friday 5th May 2023, we will be taking the children to Wisley Gardens as part of our Science topic (plants). We still need one or two parent helpers to ensure we have enough adults so the trip can go ahead. If you would like to volunteer to come along as a parent helper, please contact your child's class teacher. You will need to have a valid DBS through the school in order to help out. If you are unsure whether your DBS is valid, or would like to apply for one, please contact the school office.

Trip Permission and Payment

There are a number of parents who have not yet given permission or paid for the upcoming school trip. Please note that if we do not have permission to take your child off site, they will be unable to come on the trip. There has been a ParentMail sent out about how to pay. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

SATs

It's that busy time of year again, when the children in Year 2 are sitting their SATs assessments. The end of Key Stage 1 (end of Year 2) assessment is a teacher assessment. The SATs tests are used as part of a bank of evidence to help the class teachers assess the children against the National Curriculum criteria. Please do not worry and if possible, try not to build anticipation or awareness with your children about 'tests'. We will be administering these tests during the month of May. The children are completing these statutory assessments in small groups in the familiarity of their own classrooms. Whilst some children are completing the assessments, the rest of the children will be on the field practicing their races for sports day. Though there are firm DFE guidelines, the 'tests' will not feel completely different to the work the children do on a daily basis. The children are not aware that they are completing assessments; they have instead been told they are on 'special missions'.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.



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Parent Workshop

We would like to invite you to a parent workshop next **Tuesday (25th April) at 4.30- 5.15 in Larks classroom**. The workshop focus will be maths. During the session, we will talk you through the strategies and the manipulatives that the children use for all 4 operations. We will also talk you through some of the reasoning and problem-solving type questions that we use to teach your children. We will provide a creche for your children if necessary. This will be held in Blackbirds by members of staff.

History resources

As part of our History topic 'Amazing People', we will be learning about Grace Darling and making lighthouses. We would appreciate any donations of Pringles tubes please.

Wedding

Miss Nutbeen got married, had a wonderful day and has returned to school as Mrs Welland!



Golden Leaves

Congratulations to all of our golden leaf recipients this week! Well done for all of your hard work - we are so proud of you!

Larks

Ezra - For making all the right choices this week, especially in PE being a great team player - well done!

Izzy - For always giving well-considered answers to questions and coming to the board to show your answers - you will make a great teacher one day!

Doves

Elsie - For being a resilient writer this week when writing your story of the Bog Baby - Well Done!

Ali - For creating a lovely piece of art when exploring printing with sponges - Well Done!



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Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions throughout the year. Our email addresses are below.

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