

Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fun week we've had in Year 2! We have continued our new topic 'Amazing People' and have been learning about Nelson Mandela. Over the next term, we will spend time exploring some more inspirational people in history and English.

The children had a wonderful time on our school trip to Wisley Gardens and learnt lots about plants. We would like to thank all of the parents who offered their help - we couldn't do trips without you!

The children also enjoyed celebrating the King's upcoming coronation. They had a fun filled street party style lunch and made clay tiles that will be displayed in the school once they've been painted.

Resources

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

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.

Science resources

As part of our Science learning about plants, the children will be learning about fair tests and setting up their own investigation. To facilitate this, the children will need a choice of a variety of different sized plant pots. If you have any plant pots (the plastic ones) that you no longer need, we would be grateful for any donations of these.

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.

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!

<u>Larks</u>

Tim - For showing perseverance and resilience when making a leaf stamp in art this week - well done!

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Danny - For a great attitude towards your learning and for trying so hard when coming in to school in the mornings - well done!

Doves

Ellie - For showing patience and curiosity when creating her stamp in Art this week - Well done! Jacob - For being curious and asking lots of questions during History this week when discussing Nelson Mandela - Well Done!

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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