



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 12th 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 Grace Darling.

In English this week, we have been writing recounts about our trip to Wisley, focussing on past tense verbs. Next week, we will be writing non-chronological reports about Mary Seacole, with a focus on contractions. The children will use their knowledge of Mary Seacole from our History lessons.

In Maths this week, we have been learning about measuring mass in grams and kilograms. The children have enjoyed using different scales to measure the weight of different objects. Next week, we will be learning about measuring height and length in centimetres and metres.

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.

Year 3

As many of you will be aware, the children will be mixed into three classes for Year 3. This will include children coming to us from Wood Street and other schools. The children have had some lessons about what good friendships look like and have thought about 5 good friends they have in Year 2. Although we will do lots of transition work with the children later in the summer term, we have not told them that the children they have chosen are for Year 3 classes. We have asked the children to write down 5 names on two occasions following friendship lessons, to ensure that we have a good understanding of who is important to them. We understand that this mix may cause some children to worry, so we ensure they are all with at least one friend they have chosen (although we do try to aim for 2 or more if possible). We are very excited about the mix up, as it provides children such great opportunities to make new friendships. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us using the emails below or catching us on the door.

Maths Parent Resources

Thank you again to those parents who attended our Maths Parent Workshop. The slides and some videos of the strategies we use will soon be available on the school website on the Year 2 page.

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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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

Tilly - For super independence when making a lighthouse in History - well done!

Faith - For some awesome writing this week about our trip to Wisley - all done totally independently - well done!

Doves

Maddie - After a tricky start, showing perseverance and determination to complete a lovely piece of art printing - Well Done!

Logan - For showing great curiosity in all lessons, asking lots of questions and being fully engaged - 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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