



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

22.9.2023

### This week

We have had another great week getting to know all the children. Thank you again for your on-going support with the morning drop off. We have seen a huge improvement in how quickly the children have settled in the mornings. This has been our first full week as a whole class and the children have been working hard at forming friendships and settling in.

Our topic this half term is “With a little help from my friends.” In Literacy, we have been using the story of Paddington Bear to inspire the children’s learning. We modelled drawing Paddington and talked about the shapes we use. We talked about sounds we can hear in words to match our pictures. In our Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) sessions, we focused on how to be a good friend and remembering to use kind hands, kind feet and kind words. In Maths, we talked about objects that are the same/different and that match. By the end of the week we started using sentences to explain our thinking e.g. ‘the...does not match because...’.

### Next week

Next week, we will start Phonics! The children will learn; s, a, t, p. In Maths, we will progress onto matching pictures and objects using the stem sentences, the...matches...the..., the... does not match.... because . In Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED), we are focusing on listening and regulating our emotions. We will begin by having a circle time, where we look and listen to the child holding the toy. We will pass a smile around the circle, then talk about how we know when someone is happy and what makes us happy. In Literacy, we will be reading Paddington and the Missing Marmalade Sandwich and use the story to inspire the children to draw and label pictures. Additionally, we will be playing name games to support the children with learning all of their new friends’ names.

### Other:

- Please can we remind you to ensure all children’s clothes and other items brought into school are named.
- Children can bring a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables each day. Could we ask that the fruit is in a named pot, unless you are able to write a name on the fruit skin. This is enjoyed at the end of the day with a story.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and your children will not be too tired! 😊

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team