



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

29.9.2023

### This week

We have had another great week getting to know all the children and settling into our routines. 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.

In Literacy we have been using Paddington to support our learning through drawing and labelling Paddington's lunch using the new sounds we have learnt. In Maths, we have been matching objects and explaining this using full sentences. In EAD (expressive arts and design) we have been thinking carefully about how to enhance our artwork using paint and collage.

### Phonics

This week the children have started phonics and have learnt; **s,a,t,p** please do go over these with your children at home. Once we have introduced all the phase 2 sounds we will send these home with your children. During our review session on a Friday, we focus on blending the sounds that we have learnt to read words.

### Next week

In Literacy, we will be moving on from Paddington and will introduce our new story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We will be learning how to retell the story and using story props to help us.

In Maths, we will be exploring length, and capacity focusing on vocabulary such as longer, shorter, longest, shortest, equal, heavy, light and balance.

### Additional information

We have made the decision to pause our PE lessons while the children settle and adapt to school life. We would like to reassure you that the children are still having plenty of opportunities to be active in our outdoor classroom using our physical development equipment. With this in mind your children can come to school in their uniform on Wednesdays until we feel the children are ready to achieve within whole class PE sessions. We will keep you updated.

- If you are able to donate any paper to your class it would be greatly appreciated, as you can imagine we go through a lot!

- As we come into the colder months, we would be so grateful for any donations of boxes of tissues.

- Please can we remind you that all water bottles, snack pots and items of clothing need to be named, also all snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables only. Thank you in advance

### Golden leaves

This week these children have been awarded a golden leaf:

Essie for being a good role model and friend to Swallows.

Amber for working hard in our dough disco sessions.

Evelyn for settling into school so well and choosing her learning carefully inside and outside the classroom.

Nellie for being so resilient in the morning and settling quickly after saying goodbye.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend! 😊

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team.