



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have once again been superstars this week! We have begun introducing new sounds in our phonics sessions which they have taken in their stride and worked hard on.

Please could we remind you that children should bring a coat to school each day.

Important information

- We will be sending home a sheet each week which shows our sounds and harder to read and spell words taught that week.
- If your child is finding it hard to remember the harder to read and spell words (tricky words) we have a system called precision teaching that we use with children at school to help practise this. It is one minute per day and supports sight reading these words. We will be sending out a sheet and a video on how to do this. Please feel free to use it if you feel it would be useful to your child.
- Next Thursday we will be having a visitor in to run some Eco-workshops focusing on materials which is our Science topic for next half term.

Homework - please note that we will no longer be sending home homework passports. Our key focus for homework in Year 1 is regular reading, practising the tricky words and using numbots regularly. The children can receive certificates at school when they achieve new levels in numbots. Passwords and login information for Numbots will be coming out next week.

Our value of the month for September has been Belonging and in October we will be moving on to the value of Friendship.

We always reflect on our school rules with our children at school:

Talk and act positively

Embrace and follow instructions

Act kindly, keeping hands and feet to yourself

Make yourself the best you can be!

Golden Leaves

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| Juno | Bronze | 29.9.23 | For adding in some exciting adjectives to her Rosie's Walk writing. |
| Sam | Bronze | 29.9.23 | For showing resilience and confidence in his work this week. |
| Roshan | Bronze | 29.9.23 | For showing independence in the maths area this week. |

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| Meadow | Bronze | 29.9.23 | For your positive attitude to learning this week and creating a beautiful 'Starry Night background! |
| Zeb | Bronze | 29.9.23 | For working hard to create an amazing plan in the block area. |
| Bonnie | Bronze | 29.9.23 | For working hard in computing and creating a fantastic piece of art. |



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Curriculum

As writers we have been writing about the story 'Rosie's Walk.' We continue to focus on finger spaces, full stops and capital letters and have been talking about what nouns are and where they are used in our story.

As mathematicians we have been exploring greater than and less than and using the inequality symbols ($<$ $>$ $=$) to compare numbers and groups of objects.

As artists we have used our knowledge of tints and tones to create backgrounds and details when making our own versions of the Van Gogh painting 'Starry Night.'

As athletes we have been linking movements and moving in time to music in our dance sessions.

As scientists we have been exploring our senses, starting with sight. We have been thinking about the parts of our body uses for each sense and investigating how we do things if we cannot use our sense of sight.

As geographers we have been learning the names of the seven continents and where they are on the Earth.

As learners for life we understand that everyone has a right to learn and have been thinking about our responsibilities to make sure everyone can learn at school.

Supporting at home

- Make groups of objects and compare them using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols ($<$ $>$ $=$).

The children enjoyed watching Blockzilla to explain this:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0blsqtz/numberblocks-series-3-blockzilla>

- Practise reading and writing some of the words from this week's phonics sheet.
- Talk about the seven continents of the Earth and listen to the song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE>

Websites and games to support learning:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - phase 2 and 3 (buried treasure, picnic on pluto, buried treasure are good for blending)

<https://ictgames.com/rangeArranger/index.html> - ordering numbers greatest to smallest game

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/nuttyNumbers/index.html> - counting in 2's, 5's and 10's

<https://ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/index.html> - number bonds to 10

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - choose number bonds and make ten

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

Mr T and Miss Colley

The Year One Team