



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

What another fab week in Year 3! The children have started learning about the value of 'friendship' in assemblies this week, as it is our new value of the month.

In English this week, we have been exploring the story 'Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs'. We have been looking at prepositional phrases to express place. The children have had a go at retelling the story and we have been so impressed with their writing. Next week, we will tweak the story by creating our own characters and our focus will be on prepositional phrases to express time.

In Maths, we have started looking at addition and subtraction to 1000. As always, the children have had concrete resources to support their learning. Next week, we will continue this learning, and will start to explore exchanging. We will (soon) be teaching the children the formal column method, first without exchanging and then with exchanging. We understand that this is one of the most efficient methods of adding and subtracting, however we are not rushing into this, as it is important that the children are confident and secure with the steps that come before this.

### **Art aprons**

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already provided aprons. We will be doing art at various points throughout the year, involving paint, oil pastels etc. As you can appreciate, this can get messy. It would be helpful if all children had an art apron (or an old t-shirt from an adult) that they could put on over their uniform to protect their clothes. Please can we ask that all aprons/t-shirts are named.

### **Homework**

In Year 3, the children have two pieces of homework per week. These are

- Reading 4 times per week (we check reading diaries on a Wednesday and children who have read 4 times a week or more are entered into the class prize draw to win a reward).
- Maths homework set on Atom. This homework is based on what we have been learning in class. Atom uses an algorithm to level the questions to your child's ability, so please do not worry if the children have different questions to one another - that means the algorithm is working 😊 We set Atom homework on a Wednesday, due in the following Wednesday. All children now have their Atom logins stuck inside their reading diaries.

### **Pencil cases**

We have noticed that a few children are bringing in two pencil cases. Please can we ask that you spend some time with your child over the weekend (if necessary) and combine resources into one pencil case as we have limited space on tables and in the classroom. The children need; writing pencils, a ruler, a rubber, a glue stick, a whiteboard pen, a green pen (biro) and a sharpener. Some children might like to bring a few coloured pencils. Throughout the year, children will begin earning their pen licences, so at that point, a handwriting pen will also be required.

### **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!



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### Starlings

Emilia - For a brilliant piece of writing in English this week, full of prepositional phrases and conjunctions - well done!  
Neve - For a consistently high level of work. Your presentation and effort in all lessons is something to be so proud of - well done!

### Magpies

Elsie - For excellent explanations in Geography about how different mountains are formed.  
Piper - For always being so positive and kind, and working brilliantly hard in all areas of her learning.  
Lihan - For following our school values every day and being a curious and enthusiastic learner.

### Sparrows

Allie - For always showing positivity and kindness.  
Jan - For settling so well to his work in Maths this week, trying hard to be the best he can be.  
Harper - For always working hard with a smile on her face, you are a joy to have in Sparrows.  
Archie - For continued hard work in all lessons and not being afraid to have a go.

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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Thank you for all your support at the start of this year. We are looking forward to a great year!

The Year 3 Team.