



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

And just like that, it is October! Thank you for your support and communication during our first 5 weeks of the term.

Let's celebrate: Golden Leaves

Nightingales	Kingfishers	Woodpeckers
<i>Molly - For producing amazing work in Maths and always being resilient even when it's tricky. Ethan - For writing a fantastic non-chronological report about his fictional dinosaur. You showed wonderful creativity and superb writing skills.</i>	<i>Macie - For showing resilience in her English work this week and trying really hard! Ethan - For always trying to be the best he can be in all areas.</i>	<i>Zoe- For your increased focus in maths and taking responsibility for your learning. Isla - For always living by our school values and thinking about them in everything you do - Well done. Harry - For a positive attitude to school this week, showing the values of friendship and resilience.</i>

Congratulations to Charlie in Woodpeckers, who completed his mile a day in September! With gift aid, he has raised over £2000 for Cancer Research UK. What an achievement!

Residential information and deposits

As you are aware, the deadline for signing up for the Residential is Friday 20th October; we require a deposit and the consent form completed to secure your child a place. We have had a few questions prior to signing up and wanted to provide a summary of some of the questions around the Residential, which we have sent as a separate letter today. Thank you for your patience whilst we respond to individual questions and queries – we hope we have responded to everyone to answer their questions. Hopefully, today's letter will add some further details and clarity for you.

We will hold an information meeting in the new year and announce the date of this before half term.

Next week's learning

In **Maths**, we will continue with **addition and subtraction**. We will use apparatus to help build an image of the number, particularly when helping to exchange (e.g. in A: 5 + 6 makes 11 ones, which becomes an extra ten in the tens column with 1 remaining in the Ones). This will be recorded with column addition and, later in the week, column subtraction.

In **English**, we will create our very own creature and put into practise all of the elements of non-chronological reports that we have been learning. The pupils will use be thinking about a sensible order to organise their sentences within each paragraph, starting to make use of some conjunctions. These are words that are often used to link two clauses together.

In **Foundation** – we are having our **RE week**, where we look at some of the key beliefs of Humanism – a brand new topic on our curriculum! In particular, children will look at how non-religious people celebrate new beginnings, and we will look at Humanist naming ceremonies. As part of this, we are delighted to introduce a visiting speaker, Professor Philip Harris on Wednesday 11th October at 10.30am. He will give Year 4 a **special assembly** to talk about Humanism.

Homework

We would continue to encourage our children to read to a trusted adult 4 times per week – Please can we ask that this is recorded in the Yellow reading diaries? We check the diaries and respond to see who is reading regularly at home. In addition, Times tables Rock Stars has assigned tasks for your child to complete outside of school hours. Please speak to your class teacher if you are unable to access this.

Christmas Cards

Whilst we know it is only October, we are going to be supporting your children to design a Christmas Card, which will be coming home before half term, for you to return with any orders you wish to submit by 3rd November.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Campain, Mrs Pippin, Miss Mallalieu and Miss Small