



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

13.10.2023

What a great week the children have had. We are really noticing that the children are settling into the classroom routines a lot quicker now and with a lot more independence. Thank you for your support with this.

### This week

In Maths, the children have been looking at patterns using natural resources. The children were challenged to say the pattern outloud and decide what came next in the sequence. In PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development), we continued to play listening games with a friend or small group. This week the children have learnt; **g, o, c, k**. They have also learnt the following harder to read and spell words; **l, no, the, put, a**. During our review session on a Friday, we focus on blending the sounds that we have learnt to read words.

We hope you have enjoyed reading your child's first reading book with them. They were so excited to bring them home and share them with you! Please complete 4 reading opportunities across the week (they read to you, you read to them, share a bedtime story book or take turns reading a page each). Children should be encouraged to spot the taught sounds and use these to help them when blending words. Please sign your child's diary each time they read. Thank you!

### Next week's learning:

In PSED, the children will be introduced to two of our Learning Powers (school drivers); Curious Cat and Teamwork Bee. We are going to do this through watching short clips and stories where these learning powers are being demonstrated. We will then have a circle time and discuss times that we have demonstrated these learning powers. In Maths, we will continue AB repeated patterns but using peg boards and we will be challenging the children to do AAB e.g. red, red, blue. In Phonics, the children will be learning; **ck, e, u, r**. They will be learning the new harder to read and spell words; **go, to, of**.

### Other

- Last week, the children had a lockdown practice. This is when an alarm goes off on our laptops to tell us to lock the doors, close the windows and pull down the blinds. We tell the children that this is to keep us safe from danger outside, such as a horse escaping from a farm, or a dog escaping from their garden. The children were all amazing and so sensible when we had this practice. Next week there will be a practice fire drill.
- Birthdays: we love celebrating your children's birthdays, they are such special days to them! We all sing happy birthday to your child and make sure they are having a great day! However, due to allergies and dietary requirements cake or sweets is not encouraged in school time. Instead, we encourage parents to donate a book or small game for the class to enjoy.
- We have been asked to let you know that there is a parent whatsapp group. If you would like to join, the QR code to join is outside each classroom.

### Golden leaves

This week these children have been awarded a golden leaf:

Evan for having a great imagination and problem solving in the block and small world area.

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

Indie for showing amazing cutting skills when making your bear hunt picture.

Theo A for coming into school so well and settling quickly in the classroom!

We hope you have a fun and restful weekend 😊

Best wishes,



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The Early Years Team