



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

20.10.2023

The children have now completed their first half term of primary school! It has really flown and you should be so proud of how your child's independence and confidence has grown over these last 7 weeks. We are incredibly proud of them all!

This week's learning:

In PSED, the children were introduced to two of our Learning Powers (school drivers); Curious Cat and Teamwork Bee. The children really enjoyed discussing the short clips and then reflecting on how they have been a Curious Cat and a Teamwork Bee. In Maths, the children continued to create AB repeated patterns using peg boards and some children took on the challenge to create an AAB repeated pattern. In Phonics, the children have learnt the graphemes; **ck, e, u, r** and the harder to read and spell words; **go, to, of**.

Learning after half term:

In Phonics, the children will be learning the new grapheme; ss and then reviewing all of the sounds and tricky words that we have learnt so far in Reception to consolidate their learning. In Literacy, we will be reading the Gruffalo, sequencing the story and then drawing and labelling characters from the story using the sounds that we have learnt in Phonics. In Maths, we will be exploring different representations of 1, 2 and 3. The focus is on finding the representations rather than making them at this point. We will share stories and pictures which represent 1, 2 and 3 and point out the groups and encourage the children to find objects in provision and notice 1, 2 and 3 in the environment. In our creative area, we will be focusing on colour mixing the primary colours to make different colours.

Reading

Today, your child will have received two pink banded books in their book bags. If your child completes their 4 x weekly reads with one book, there is a second book to keep their enthusiasm for reading going and to keep practising those key skills. The expectations at this stage of the year is spotting the sounds, spotting the harder to read and spell words and then adult support with blending the sounds together. Please do not worry if they do not get onto the second book, the main thing at the moment with reading, is keeping it a positive experience as we want to encourage a love for reading.

Other

- 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:

Abdululaleem, for taking on the challenge on the maths table and creating an AAB pattern.

James for always making the right choices and being a good role model.

Luke for an amazing first half term at school, working hard and choosing his learning carefully.

Georgia for settling in so well to school with a big smile on her face.

We hope you have a fantastic half term and we'll see you on Monday 30th October 🍁

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team