



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We can't believe the first half term is done already. What a busy one it has been! Well done to all the children for settling into Year 1 so well and showing excellent learning behaviours. Visitors to our classroom have been very impressed with them all.

Important information

- Please remember to book a parents evening appointment. Any problems, please speak to class teachers.
- Please keep reading over half term. We know this can be challenging but it really helps to continue that regular practise. We will send home two books on Friday to support this.
- Please can we remind you that whilst the children are welcome to bring in their Pokemon/football cards to play with at playtimes, they are not allowed to trade their cards due to children regretting their decisions later in the day. Thank you for your support.
- **We have sent home your child's words to practise for the Christmas show. Every child is given a part but if they feel unsure they can speak to us. Please practise these regularly at home to learn them.**

Our value of the month for October is friendship. We have been reflecting on behaviour choices that make good friendships.

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

Finches

Tommy	Bronze	20.10.23	For showing curiosity when asking questions in class.
Ernie	Bronze	20.10.23	For showing resilience when completing maths challenges.
Oscar	Bronze	20.10.23	For showing independence with his writing this week, sounding out the words carefully.

Blackbirds

Bobby	Bronze	20.10.23	For really trying your best to make more positive behaviour choices. Well done!
Jolene	Bronze	20.10.23	For always trying your best and being a resilient tortoise in phonics.



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Curriculum

As writers we have been learning about non-fiction texts and some features of these. We have used the facts we found out about hedgehogs last week to write our own non-fiction texts.

As mathematicians we have been talking about 2D shapes. We have learnt about lines of symmetry and patterns and have been finding 2D shapes on 3D shapes.

As artists we have been practising making our secondary colours from primary colours and linking this to our knowledge of painting techniques to create Autumn tree pictures.

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

In RE we have been exploring the Christian creation story.

As geographers we have been recapping the continents and oceans.

As learning for life we have been thinking about how our actions always have consequences. We have linked this to our rewards and behaviour ladder at school.

Supporting at home

- Practise mixing colours by using food colouring and water to make secondary coloured potions.
- Practise letter formation, particularly in your children's names - focus on correct shapes and size.
- Spot 2D and 3D shapes out and about and explain how you know, e.g. it has 6 square faces so it must be a cube.
- Practise words for the Christmas show.
- **Use numbots regularly!**

Websites and games to support learning:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/shapes/2d-shape-reveal> - talking about 2D shapes, basic 1 level

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/symmetry/symmetry-matching> - exploring symmetry in 2D shapes

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns> - shape patterns

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/helpAHedgehog/index.html> - quick blending practise

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break!

Best wishes,

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