



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a great first half term we have had. Thank you so much for all your help and support so far this year, we really feel like the children have settled into new routines with ease and risen to the challenge of whole class teaching. We started the week with a WOW as the children found a Beanstalk in the corridor with a trail of jellybeans at the bottom. At the top of the beanstalk we found the story 'Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk' which the children have absolutely loved reading. We have been orally rehearsing the story and creating a bank of wonderful adjectives describing the jelly beans that Jack finds. In science this week the children have been self-selecting materials to build a boat that needs to both float and hold up to 4 marbles. We found that some materials were impermeable but didn't float, some floated but were absorbent so by using multiple materials children were able to create sturdy, durable and impermeable boats.

### Next week: Half term woohoo!

After half term we continue our writing on Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk. In maths we are still building upon addition and subtraction knowledge to 100. Our History topic takes us away from The Great Fire of London and on to The Titanic. We will kick this off with our trip in the second week back to Sea City Museum, this crosses over to our DT lessons looking at levers and axels building up to making our very own Titanic Ship.

### Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023: Parents Evening 3:30-6pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023: Parents Evening 4-7pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Trip to SeaCity Museum Southampton linking to our Titanic topic.

### AOB:

- Pokemon Cards: As a school we are happy for Pokemon Cards to be bought into school for the children to play with and discuss during playtimes, HOWEVER they are **NOT** to be traded under any circumstances. We also advise that anything bought into school has the potential to get lost or damaged so if specific cards are very precious then to leave those at home.

- As you know our SeaCity trip is coming up. In order for us to get to the museum and enjoy plenty of time we need to leave school at 8:30am prompt. On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November could you please drop your child off between **8:10-8:20am**. After half term there will be a further letter detailing any additional information needed for the trip regarding, bags/lunch/clothes etc.

-Autumn 2 is very practical in terms of building/making throughout foundation subjects. Please could you send your child with:

Shoe box (or similar) – no later than **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Large box, smaller box, 2+ toilet roll tubes – no later than **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

The shoe box is for a science lesson where we are making curtains so the box will act as a window (scraps of material also welcomed)

The other boxes are build Titanic boats in DT which will look like....





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### Golden Leaf Winners:

#### *Doves:*

Leo	For being determined this week in his Maths and also ensuring that he is trying to become the best he can be - Well Done!
Riley	For working independently and brilliantly in English this week - Well Done!

#### *Larks:*

Oli	For an amazing piece of writing on Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk, he used conjunctions and adjectives throughout which made the story really exciting. Well done!
Eddie	For thinking scientifically when building a boat using a variety of materials. Eddie does everything with such enthusiasm. Well done!
Jacob	For applying his phonics knowledge when writing key vocabulary linked to our story Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk. Well done!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,  
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