

# Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We can't believe we have already reached the first half term of Year 3! The children have settled so well and made some fantastic progress, we can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds. They definitely deserve a break!

In English this week, the children have been inventing their own stories based on Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs, using prepositional phrases to express time and place. We have been very impressed with their writing stamina and imagination. After half term, we will be moving on to explore the story 'The Rainbow Fish', with a focus on expanded noun phrases.

In Maths, we have continued looking at addition and subtraction to 1000 with exchanging. As always, the children have had concrete resources to support their learning. After half term, we will begin to introduce the formal written method for addition and subtraction (column method). We will begin with no exchanging, and ensuring the children are confident with the layout of these style of questions.

### Art aprons

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already provided aprons. We will be doing art at various points throughout the year, involving paint, oil pastels etc. As you can appreciate, this can get messy. It would be helpful if all children had an art apron (or an old t-shirt from an adult) that they could put on over their uniform to protect their clothes. Please can we ask that all aprons/t-shirts are named.

# Christmas cards

You will have had a Christmas card brought home today. If you would like to purchase the Christmas card, please complete the form on the back of the design, and return to school after half term.

#### **Homework**

Thank you for all of your support so far with homework. There will be no Atom homework set this week, to ensure the children have a break over half term. We would, however, like the children to keep up with their 4 reads over the week.

# Pokemon / football cards

Please can we remind you that whilst the children are welcome to bring in their 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.

#### **CHANGE OF TRIP DATE**

Due to a clash with Parents Evening, we have had to change the date of our trip to Butser Farm from Thursday 22nd February 2024, to Thursday 8th February 2024. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### **Golden leaves**

Congratulations to all of our golden leaf recipients this week! Well done for all of your hard work - we are so proud of you!

#### Starlings

Faith - For consistently trying your hardest and making yourself the best you can be - well done!



Bea B-C - For such brilliant independent writing and maths this half term - well done! Reuben - For some great reading this week, you are becoming more fluent and confident every day - well done!

## Magpies

Sebastian - For working very hard in English this week and including a variety of prepositional phrases in his writing. Ella - For showing resilience in every lesson and participating lots in class discussions with wise and creative ideas. Charlotte - For being a fantastic active listener and always following instructions. You are such a great role model to your peers!

#### Sparrows

Logan - For always showing us his best and for always following instructions. Isla-Beau - For always trying to do the right thing and setting a good example to others.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions throughout the year. Our email addresses are below.

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Thank you for all your support at the start of this year. We are looking forward to a great year!

The Year 3 Team.