



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a wet and windy week! Well done to the children for adapting so well to the change of weather.

Let's celebrate: Golden Leaves

Nightingales	Kingfishers	Woodpeckers
<i>Luke - For working very hard in Maths and always challenging himself with extra chilli questions. Rosie - For having a positive attitude towards her learning.</i>	<i>Jillie - For being a good friend and making herself the best she can be this week. Nyah - For showing independence and creativity in her Art work this week, particularly using the skill of blending to create mood when painting.</i>	<i>Lydia - For always taking responsibility for her high-quality work in school - well done! Evie - For showing creativity in her English and Art this week. Carson - For increasing his level of independence across the curriculum these last few weeks: well done! Anna - For being creative and independent in Art this week: Well done! Maisie - For being a positive and compassionate member of our Year 4 team.</i>

After half term's learning (week beginning 30th October)

In **Maths**, we will have a week looking at area: area is the amount of space taken up by a shape. We will answer questions to compare rectilinear shapes, such as "Which shape's area is greater?"

In **English**, we will 'tweak' Partly Cloudy to look at the animals within the text. We continue to use co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions to build accurate sentences. We have attached a link that explains a bit more about conjunctions and how they are used in sentences here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1SrDBwKJyd-NTjixrzPnvb0yuZ1EQj7JafsKID4IkZUg/edit?usp=sharing>

In **Foundation** – we will be starting our History unit on transportation and settlements; in RE will be looking at covenants in Christianity. For PE, we will be doing tag rugby with Dan on a Wednesday and hockey with our class teachers on a Thursday. Our Learning for Life will focus on what assumptions people can make about others and how we can address these. Our science will begin to be linked to our alpaca visit to learn about adaptations for animals.

Home learning: Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)

Thank you so much for encouraging your children to regularly practise their times tables. In the tournament so far, **Woodpeckers** are in the lead with an average of 335 average correct answers! There are still 10 days left in the tournament so it is all to play for, as the leader board could change. We have regular weekly Garage challenges (30 minutes per week) that are reset every Friday. At the moment, we have 22 pupils this week who have completed their weekly challenge (about 27% of the year group: an increase of 15% on last week). <https://ttrockstars.com/>

Pokémon / 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.

Upcoming dates

- Either today or yesterday, your child should have come home with their Christmas card order form. If you want to add any more detail to these images at home, then please feel free to do so. Please can orders be returned after half term by the deadline of **Friday 3rd November**
- Tuesday 31st October (Kingfishers), Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November – Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings: appointments are available via Parent Mail. We look forward to meeting with you
- Wednesday 8th November – alpaca visit
- Thursday 14th December – Year 3 and 4 Carols

Thank you, as always, for all your support this half term. We hope you have a fantastic and well deserved, restful week.

Mrs Campain, Mrs Pippin, Miss Mallalieu and Miss Small