



## Worpleston Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday. We hope you had an enjoyable time and we have certainly enjoyed our Parent Teacher meetings this week and the opportunity to celebrate your children's individual successes with you.

### Let's celebrate: Golden Leaves

<b>Nightingales</b>	<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Woodpeckers</b>
<i>Jessica - For working hard in Maths and doing a great job of her chilli challenges</i> <i>Danielle - For her wonderful English work and her attitude to her learning.</i>	<i>Joel - For showing independence and resilience with his Maths work of the topic Area.</i> <i>Ada - For showing independence and curiosity with her English writing, reflecting a creative style.</i>	<i>Layken - For working so hard on your timeline in History this week. Well done!</i> <i>Dexter S - For showing focus and resilience in Maths this week when finding the area of rectilinear shapes.</i>

Congratulations to Woodpeckers for being the winning class in the Timetable Rockstar competition! Well done on all your hard work.

### Next week's learning

In **Maths**, we are starting our topic of Multiplication and Division, beginning with the 3x and 6x tables and their matching division facts. We will be looking at the exciting nature of multiplication – that it is commutative! This will help children to visually spot patterns, knowing that that 7 groups of 3 is the same as 3 groups of 7 (e.g.  $7 \times 3 = 21$ ;  $3 \times 7 = 21$ ). It also means that you can learn fact families and knowing one fact means you know 3 more! Here is more information about the 6x table and fact families: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd/articles/zwf43j6>

In **English**, we will invent our own story about animals that have a problem, using ideas inspired by Partly Cloudy. We will use different types of sentence: simple, compound and complex to help create interest within our writing. This video has an explanation of 3 different types of sentences, should you wish to know more or share it with your children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smgYeUomfyA>

In **Foundation** – For our science, children will use classification keys to group, identify and name living things. In History, they will use timelines to help look at how the origins for space shuttle rocket boosters came from the ruts of Roman chariots. LfL is all about how we can form assumptions based on our previous ideas or influences; and RE is looking at Abraham and what God promised to him and his people in Christianity.

### Home learning

We set two pieces of home learning per week:

- **Reading**  
We ask children to read at least 4 times per week. Please can this be recorded in their reading record books (yellow) that come home each week?
- **Times table rock stars**  
This website can be accessed from a computer or your phone (using your browser, for example Chrome or Safari) <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>  
In order to access your child's account, click "log in", click "student", type in 'Worpleston Primary School' under school name/postcode (or type GU3 3NL and then click our school name). Type in the username, click password and type in the password. If you need your child's login details, please speak to your class teacher.

### Alpaca visit: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

We will be visited by three alpacas on the school field to support their learning in Science. The children will visit them in small groups and find out all about their life cycles and how they are adapted to their environment. Please ensure you have completed your consent form from Mr Clifton to indicate whether or not your child can touch the fleece of the alpacas. If not to touch, they will still visit the alpacas at a distance.

Have a lovely weekend and thanks again for your continued support,

Mrs Campain, Mrs Pippin, Miss Mallalieu and Miss Small