



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Let's celebrate: Golden Leaves

<i>Nightingales</i>	<i>Kingfishers</i>	<i>Woodpeckers</i>
<i>Dexter G - For hard work in Maths.</i>  <i>Debbie - For working hard in Science and engaging so well with the alpaca visit.</i>	<i>Sammy - For developing his curiosity within his language choices in writing.</i>  <i>Kathleen - For lovely imagination and creativity within her English writing.</i>	<i>Charlie - For showing such great curiosity and asking fantastic questions when the Alpacas came to visit this week.</i>  <i>Millie - For working so hard and persevering in your maths this term, even when you have found it tricky.</i>

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

We had a fantastic time on Wednesday when the alpacas came to visit. Although it was wet and windy, we learnt lots about the alpacas and how they have adapted to live in their natural habitat, as well as in the UK. Thank you to Miss Small and her family, particularly Mrs Small, for all they've done to facilitate this visit. Also, a huge thank you to our families for supporting this, including with the voluntary contributions to enable this to happen.



### Remembrance Day

On Friday, the children took part in a minute's silence for Remembrance Day. It was lovely to see the respect shown by the children as they took a moment to think about our armed forces past and present.

### Next week's learning

In **Maths**, we are continuing to build on our knowledge of times table and their matching division facts. In particular, we will be concentrating on the 9x table. Some children will also recap and recall the 3x and 4x table too.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AAph0r4eFR5SsIKOMtVf2e0ITVSU0SJtWNCKjRI90nU/edit?usp=sharing>

In **English**, we will start our new text 'The Little Lost Robin'. We are focussing on using different descriptive ways of writing to make our writing interesting. We will be looking at alliteration, which is when an author uses repeated sounds at the beginning of words next to each other, for example "Jovial jumping Joe juggles jam and juniper berries." Here is a link if you would like to learn a little bit more, including poetry from Joseph Coelho. It also talks about onomatopoeia and assonance: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfkk7ty/articles/zq4c7p3>

In **Foundation** – For our science, children will look at how animals have adapted to survive in their habitat. In History, they will look at trains and how different people will have viewed locomotives at different points in time. As part of our Anti-Bullying Week, our LfL lesson will look at what the definition of bullying is and what people can do if they have been a witness to it. Children can wear odd-socks too to show support and attend an assembly with Mrs O'Brien.

### Times Table Rock Stars

Congratulations to three of our Year 4 pupils who are in the top 25 players in the school on TTRS – Anshya, Anna and Kiran! All of the other children in the top 25 are in Years 5 & 6, so a huge well done. 41 out of the year group have logged on this week (51%). Please let us know if you have any difficulty with logging on and we can support with this.

### Rehearsing for our Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, we will hold our Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert. We will be looking for parent and carer volunteers to help walk the children to the church and a form will be shared soon, so please do keep an eye out for this. We have started to learn a couple of the songs and some will be familiar from last year. Next week, we will send home a song sheet to help your children to learn the words ahead of our concert. Thank you, again, for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Campaign, Mrs Pippin, Miss Mallalieu and Miss Small