



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

What another fantastic week in Year 3! The children have been showing their support for Anti-Bullying week this week by wearing odd socks, and have raised lots of money for BBC Children in Need - thank you for all of your support!

In English this week, the children have been writing their own version of the story 'The Rainbow Fish', using adverbs and expanded noun phrases. We have been so impressed with their handwriting and imaginative writing. Next week, we will be exploring a video about Monty the Penguin. The children will have the opportunity to act out the story to become familiar with it, before having a go at writing. We will be focusing on fronted adverbials.

In Maths, we have continued looking at addition and subtraction to 1000. We have introduced column subtraction with exchanging this week, and finished off the week with a mixture of column addition and subtraction. We have been so impressed with the childrens' independence and resilience with this new learning.

### **Christmas Carol Service**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, we will hold our Year 3 Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's Church (9.45am start). 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 in class, and the children are also learning them in their Music lessons with Ms Baynes. Next week, we will send home a song sheet to help your children to learn the words ahead of our concert. Thank you for your support with this. We hope to see you at the church!

### **Learning For Life**

As part of our Learning for Life curriculum, we have been exploring the topic of bullying. In the coming weeks, we will be discussing hurtful and harmful words and the consequences of using these words. Alongside words such as 'silly', 'stupid' and 'fat', we will be discussing the harm of using the word 'gay' in a derogatory manner. As always, this will be discussed in a way that takes into account the childrens' age and stage of development. If you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

### **New Food Policy**

As part of promoting healthy lifestyles, we are introducing a new food policy which is currently in a draft form whilst the School Council finalises the details. With this in mind, we are not encouraging children to bring in sweets and cakes on their birthdays. Instead, we encourage parents to donate a book or small game for the class to enjoy. A survey for parents will be coming out in the coming week regarding this so that you will be able to add your feedback.

### **Swimming**

As you know, as part of the KS2 National Curriculum, the children are required to have swimming lessons as part of PE. We are now in a position to confirm that swimming lessons will begin on Monday 19th February, and run for 11 weeks (on Mondays). These lessons will take the place of our Tuesday PE lesson. A letter will shortly be sent via ParentMail with more information.



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### **Coats**

Just a reminder that we go out to play come rain or shine, so please ensure your child has a suitable, warm coat with a hood.

### **Logins**

It would be really helpful if the children could practice logging in to Purple Mash using the logins in the front of their reading diaries. Thank you for your support with this.

### **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**

Bella Sherwin - For trying so hard to improve your handwriting this week - well done!

Ezra - For your unwavering positivity towards everything you do - well done!

Amelie - For taking so much pride in each and every piece of work you do - you try your best and your presentation in books is something to be proud of - well done!

Mia - For always showing kindness and compassion towards your friends - well done!

### **Magpies**

Oscar - For making a huge effort to join his handwriting in all lessons.

Arthur - For working so hard on his maths and English learning this week.

### **Sparrows**

Ezra - For trying hard to make good choices, show respect to adults and remain calm.

Alfie - For showing brilliant resilience in maths and taking on board advice.

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.