



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Let's celebrate: Golden Leaves

<b>Nightingales</b>	<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Woodpeckers</b>
<i>Finley B.K. - For excellent work in English.</i>	<i>Mara - For showing curiosity in her learning this week and using her independence in tasks.</i>	<i>Paige – For developing her reading skills and showing resilience in English, especially her spelling.</i>
<i>Jude - For excellent teamwork and sportsmanship in hockey.</i>	<i>Ella - For showing resilience across all subject learning, and showing understanding towards others.</i>	<i>Stuart - For building confidence in Maths, particularly when practising his 6 and 9 x times tables.</i>

### Children in Need

It was great to see our children in mufti and yellow for Children in Need. Thank you for your donations to this worthwhile cause.

### Things for school next week

In Science next week, we will be visiting our forest school and field area to help look at animals and their habitats.

**Please could all children bring in outdoor footwear (e.g. a pair of wellies) to change into for this lesson?** The days these are required for each class are: Monday – Kingfishers; Tuesday – Nightingales; Friday – Woodpeckers.

It is really helpful to have our yellow reading record books and the book we are currently reading in school every day. This helps us to keep a track of the four signed reads per week. It also means that when children are being heard to read in school we can record this for you and for us in their books. Thank you for your support in this area of the curriculum.

Also, we do find it helpful for children to have a gluestick and whiteboard pen in their pencil case as these can get used up very quickly. We are always grateful for any donations of these, as they are a well-used resource in lessons!

### Next week's learning

In **Maths**, we are learning the 7x table and matching division facts. Here is a rap to help you learn the patterns of the 7s: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwekMIqb55s>

In **English**, we will use similes to tweak The Little Lost Robin, choosing our own setting and characters. Here is a visual that explains what similes are: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRgkCqkTHik>

In **Foundation** – Our History will focus on trade in Britain; our Science is looking at how environmental changes can affect animal habitats; Our Learning for Life is looking at the difference between positive and anti-social behaviours; and PE is a chance for us to develop our reverse stick grip in hockey.

### Times Table Rock Stars

We are looking at ways to ensure Times Table Rock Stars is a helpful tool to use. Some parents/carers have provided feedback that the algorithm is not always challenging their children enough. We are looking again at the settings to see if this improves, but please do let us know if you find this to be the case and we will continue to review it.

### New food policy and Birthday celebrations

As part of promoting healthy lifestyles, we are introducing a new food policy which is currently in a draft form whilst School Council finalise 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.

### Year 4 Carol Concert

We will be sending a form via Parent Mail to seek permission for your child to attend the Year 4 Carol Concert, which is at St Mary's Church on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Year 4 will leave school at 09.45am for a 10.30am concert start. In addition, your child will come home with a printed copy of the song sheet so they can start practising their words!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Campain, Mrs Pippin, Miss Mallalieu and Miss Small