



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another amazing week completed in Year One and another step closer to Christmas! Practice is in full swing for our Christmas play and we can't wait to show you soon.

Important information

- Please keep practising the lines for the Christmas Play at home as it really helps the rehearsal process in school and the children will be receiving stickers for learning them.
- On **Sunday 3rd December (11.30-2:30)** the PTA will be putting on the Christmas Fair. They are so excited to welcome you all there. There will be lots to see and do including: a raffle with fantastic prizes, a selection of food including fish and chips and pizza, games and prizes to be won. We can't wait to see you there!
- On **Monday 4th December** all the children will be taking part in a Reindeer Fun Run to support the brilliant Phyllis Tuckwell charity. The children will be provided with a set of antlers for them to wear on the day and take home. Sponsorship forms have come home and any amount you can donate would be appreciated.
- During the Christmas holidays Pippa in Finches is donating her hair to charity. If you would like to sponsor her please use this link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/pippa-shelton-1699740030972?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fpippa-shelton-1699740030972&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email

Our value of the month for November is understanding.

We always reflect on our school rules with our children at school:

Talk and act positively

Embrace and follow instructions

Act kindly, keeping hands and feet to yourself

Make yourself the best you can be!

Golden Leaves

Finches

Roshan	Silver	24.11.23	For showing independence with his handwriting which is now looking beautiful.
Tommy	Silver	24.11.23	For showing resilience when writing his retelling of the Storm Whale using our new graphemes.
Amy	Silver	24.11.23	For showing curiosity when finding all the possibilities of a Maths challenge.

Blackbirds

Lydia	Silver	24.11.23	For persevering and working really hard in the writing area!
Freddie	Silver	24.11.23	For showing curiosity in the science area when investigating floating and sinking.
Bobby	Silver	24.11.23	For your amazing planning and story writing in the block area.



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Curriculum

As **writers** we have been imitating the story of The Storm Whale. We are continuing to work on punctuation, handwriting and adjectives in our writing.

As **mathematicians** we have been focusing on finding a missing part on a part-whole model and writing number sentences to match this.

As **artists** we have continued to develop our drawing skills by focusing on size, space, shape and outlines and introducing colour and tones to our drawings.

As **athletes** we have been continuing to explore dance and linking this to our Christmas play dances.

In **RE** we have continued to learn about the Nativity and this week focused on all the different characters.

As **scientists** we have been experimenting with floating and sinking.

As **historians** we have been learning about the moon landing.

In **learning for life** we have been thinking about what bullying looks like and who we can talk to if we are feeling unhappy.

In **computing** we have been learning about directional language and inputting instructions into the computer to make something move.

Supporting at home

- Practise spelling the words from the common exception word mat sent home.
- Find some objects to test whether they float or sink in the bath!
- Start to write a Wishlist for Christmas, making sure you use finger spaces.
- **Practise words for the Christmas show.**
- **Use numbots regularly!**

Websites and games to support learning:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/robot-addition> - children to move the robot to the correct answer that matches the addition sentence.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2/picnic-on-pluto> children to practice identifying sounds in real and nonsense words. Choose phase 3 or 5 and revise all.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

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