



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy December! We have entered that busy time of year and the children are doing so well. We are really looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas Production of 'The Inn-Spectors' next week.

Important information

- Please keep practising the lines for the Christmas Play as we are in the home stretch and every little bit of practice will help them feel confident on the day.
- 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 December is care and compassion.

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

Oscar	Silver	1.12.23	For fantastic work in Maths this week when subtracting.
Florence	Silver	1.12.23	For always being a role model to others and for living by our values.
Eliza	Silver	1.12.23	For making a fantastic prediction when being a scientist this week.

Blackbirds

Narla	Silver	1.12.23	For using dots and lines to create texture on your beautiful drawing of a plant.
Bonnie	Silver	1.12.23	For your curiosity when investigating the absorbency of different materials.
Asher	Silver	1.12.23	For using our writing suitcase to create a fantastic tweaked version of 'The Storm Whale'.



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Curriculum

As **writers** we have been writing our tweaked version of The Storm Whale. We have been changing the character as well as the animal they find on the beach. We are continuing to work on punctuation, handwriting and adjectives in our writing.

As **mathematicians** we have begun to learn about subtraction. We have been using part part whole models to write number sentences and find missing parts. We have also been exploring fact families.

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. We have been drawing fruit and plants over the last few weeks.

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

As **scientists** we have been using our investigation skills to find out if materials are absorbent or not.

As **historians** we have been learning about Captain Robert Scott and his expedition of Antarctica.

In **learning for life** we have been talking about how to make new friends and what a good friend looks like.

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 are absorbent or not.
- 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/subtraction/subtraction-to-10> - children to complete the subtraction number sentences.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2/picnic-on-pluto> children to practise 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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