



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

5.1.2024

We hope you all had a restful Christmas break! We have been impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into school after the holidays.

This week's learning:

In Phonics, the children have been recapping all our previously taught sounds and harder to read and spell words for our review sessions. In Maths, the children learned about 2D shapes square and oblong. We discussed the features of these shapes and explained them in full sentences. In Understanding the world the children learnt about the continent of Africa which is where our focus text (Handa's surprise) is based this week, we discussed the differences and similarities between Handa's home and ours. In Literacy we have shared the text Handa's Surprise. The children have been retelling the story and sequencing key parts of the story using pictures.

Next week's learning:

In Phonics, the children will be reviewing all of the phonics sounds and harder to read and spell words that we have learnt so far, we will introduce harder to read and spell words 'my' and 'you'. In Maths, the children will be exploring numbers 4 and 5 in a range of ways. We will be looking at making the numbers by combining groups, representing the numbers in different ways and explaining what they have found in full sentences. In Literacy, the children will be retelling the story Handa's surprise, drawing a picture of the story and adding labels or a sentence. In Expressive arts and design, the children will be encouraged to make a puppet of an animal you might find in Africa. They will be selecting their own materials, exploring ways of joining their puppets and adding detail to their creations.

Golden leaves:

This week these children have been awarded a golden leaf:

Swallows:

Abdulaleem for being so enthusiastic in Phonics and recognising all the sounds we have learnt!

Jessica

Swifts:

Ayaan for settling into Swifts this week, well done!

Emmett for always making the right choices and being a happy member of our class.

Other:

In week 3 the children will be making models using 'junk modelling' if you have any clean recycling that you could donate to use we would be grateful. Please can we ask for items such as, cardboard tubes, small thin plastic containers (fruit punnets, yoghurt pots etc.) thin cardboard boxes that the children can cut independently, bottles and bottle tops. Please note that due to allergies we ask for egg boxes not to be donated and nothing that has contained nuts as we are a nut free school. Thank you in advance, donations can be dropped to us at either drop off or pick up any day. Please can we remind you that if your child is having grapes as their snack, they need to be cut up. Thank you

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team