



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed for the start of an exciting Spring term ahead. Thank you very much to so many of you for your kind words of encouragement, presents and cards that we received for Christmas.

Important information

- Finches will be starting Forest School sessions next week on either a Tuesday or a Thursday.
- We are still on the lookout for any parents who are willing to help out on our school trip on 30th January.
- Please make sure children are bringing warm coats into school everyday as we try to get outside as much as possible and also both our PE sessions are outside this term.
- We would really appreciate any donations of whiteboard pens to the class.

Our value of the month for January is creativity.

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 Leaf Winners

Finches

5.1.24	Juno	Silver	For always being a role model to others and for living by our values.
5.1.24	Jackson	Silver	For showing independence in phonics lessons this week.
5.1.24	Pippa	Silver	For writing a fantastic retelling of our text 'Blown Away'.

Blackbirds

5.1.24	Sienna	Silver	For always being a kind and caring friend to all the children in Blackbirds.
5.1.24	Oggie	Silver	For persevering in the writing area this week!
5.1.24	Skye M	Bronze	For a great first week back and working super hard in the writing area!

Curriculum

As writers we have been learning a new story called "Blown Away." We have been using a text map to help us retell the story using actions to help us. We have been checking for capital letters, full stops and finger spaces and started to add exclamation marks in our writing.

As mathematicians we have been learning about weight and mass. We have been finding the mass of objects using cubes and balance scales. We have also been comparing the mass of objects using the terms heavier and lighter.

As athletes we are starting a new unit called Send and Return. This week we are rolling balls and looking for spaces. We started to score points by getting the ball over the opponent's line and move our bodies to try and defend.

As historians we are using the words past, present and future to describe events in our own life times. As a challenge we are also thinking of things that happened in our families before we were born.

As computing experts we have started to learn about coding using 2Code to write code to move the fish left, right, up or down.



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As designers we have been creating a picture with a leaver to make a character or an object move up and down or side to side.

Supporting at home

- Practise weighing some items at home using non-standard units. For example How many bits of pasta is equal to the mass of the tv remote.
- Practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Practise forming the curly caterpillar letters c, a, o, e, d, g, f, s, q correctly.

Websites and games to support learning:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/subtraction/subtraction-to-10> - subtraction to 10

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/number-facts/number-fact-families> - choose + and - numbers up to 10.

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/spookySpellings/index.html> - practise spelling the Year 1 words

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

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