



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

What another busy week in Year 3! The children have been exploring the value of the month: **creativity** during assemblies and we have explored our topic of Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age through History and Art.

In English this week, the children have been writing non-chronological reports all about the character of Toothless from 'How to Train your Dragon'. Our focus has been on paragraphs. Next week, we will be creating our own dragons and writing non-chronological reports about their appearance, personality and special skills.

In Maths, we have been doing some work around the four times tables. The children have been counting in 4's, multiplying and dividing by 4 and solving problems around the four times tables. We feel the children have done well with this, and it would be great for them to practise on Times Table Rockstars to ensure they feel confident. Next week, we will be moving on to learn about the 8 times tables. As always, the children have access to concrete resources to help with their understanding.

Swimming UPDATE

As you know, as part of the KS2 National Curriculum, the children are required to have swimming lessons as part of PE. We are now in a position to confirm that swimming lessons will begin on Monday 19th February. In the previous Year 3 update, it stated that there would be 11 swimming sessions. This has now been reduced to 10 (with £8 less to pay), due to an INSET day which was not confirmed at the time of booking. If you hold a DBS with the school, and could volunteer your help for swimming lessons, it would be greatly appreciated!

Butser Farm

On Thursday 8th February, we will be visiting Butser Farm for our school trip. This will be based around our current History topic 'Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age'. The office is waiting for a handful of payments and consent to be given for this. Please could I ask that you give consent and pay for the trip asap, so that we can make the trip possible. Once again, if you hold a DBS with the school, and could volunteer your help for our trip, please contact your child's class teacher.

Online Platforms for Learning

As you know, each week your child is set Maths homework on Atom. Their login for this is in the front of their reading diaries. We also have a number of other online platforms that the children can use to enhance their learning at home. These are: Times Table Rockstars, Bug Club and Purple Mash.

- Times Table Rockstars allows children to learn their times tables in a fun, game style way.
- Bug Club has books of your child's reading level to read online. They can earn points and the book can also be read to them by clicking on the 'read to me' button. This is a great tool, as if the children click on the 'bugs' in the book, they are asked a comprehension question.
- Purple Mash is the platform we use at school to teach Computing. There are a multitude of games and activities relating to every subject from Maths and English, to music and art.

They all have slightly different logins. The logins can also be found in your child's reading diary. The format for each is as follows:

A example child called Matthew Smith would log in in the following way:

Times Table Rockstars: Username - 20mattsmitt Password - (individual to your child - see reading diary)
Bug Club: Username - 20mattsmitt Password - (individual to your child - see reading diary) **School code** - mt6w



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Purple Mash: Username20mattsmitt@wps.school **Password** - (individual to your child - see reading diary)

Golden leaves

Congratulations to all of our golden leaf recipients this week (and before Christmas)! Well done for all of your hard work - we are so proud of you!

Starlings

12.01.24: Richard - For some excellent independent work in maths this week on the 4 times table - well done!

12.01.24: Tamsyn - For helping me with some number jobs and showing kindness when playing with your friends - well done!

12.01.24: Chloe - For being a role model in class and such a kind friend - well done!

Magpies

12.01.24: Ali - For always showing such kindness and compassion towards everyone in Magpies.

12.01.24: Ilyas - For creating an informative fact file about the Stone Age and being a curious learner by asking lots of questions.

12.01.24: Jessica - For taking so much pride in every piece of work you do - you always try your best and your presentation is superb.

Sparrows

12.01.24: Logan - For being a superstar mathematician this week - working methodically and checking his work

12.01.24: Isla - For showing amazing courage when working through some difficult maths this week. I am proud of you!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions throughout the year. Our email addresses are below.

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Thank you for all your support at the start of this year. We are looking forward to a great year!

The Year 3 Team.