



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

19.1.2024

We have had another great but very cold week! On Thursday the children took part in an African music workshop which they loved! We learnt about different African instruments, what they are made of and we got to play some of them making our own bands!

This week's learning:

In Phonics, the children have continued to review all of the phonics sounds and harder to read and spell words that we have learnt so far, we also introduced 'oo' (book/nook). After reading Kipper's Birthday, the children explored representing 4 and 5 using candles on their playdoh cakes and matched them to the correct number on a birthday card. We also explored 1 more than in maths. The children also have begun having 5 minutes of Number Talks a day. Number talks is when the children have the opportunity to talk about what they see when they look at a number/dot representation. In Literacy we introduced our new text 'The Snail and the Whale'. We focused on retelling the story using a story 's'. In Expressive Arts and Design, the children created models based on the theme of the sea. We have ships and lighthouses of all shapes and sizes in the classroom! The children selected their own materials, revisited ways of joining and added detail by painting them. They look great! In PSED, the children were thinking of a time that they didn't give up, linking to the snail and the whale.

Next week's learning:

Our focus in PSED will be based around setting a goal. It may help the children to discuss at home things they would like to get better at, it could be anything from riding a bike or writing their name. In Phonics, we will be learning the new Phase 3 sounds 'ar', 'ur', 'oo' (moon) and 'or' and in Literacy we will be writing a class book! In Maths, the children will be exploring the composition of 4 and 5 and 1 less than. In our Number Talks session we will be looking at different representations of 4, discussing how the children see the dots which enables them to know that there are 4 dots altogether (3 and 1 etc). We also encourage the children to subitise the dots (say what you see without counting). In Expressive Arts and Design, the children will be making moving models, such as rocking boats, using junk modelling.

Golden leaves:

This week these children have been awarded a golden leaf:

Swallows:

Gracie-Lou for showing creativity when making your junk modelling volcano.

For matching sentences to pictures when reading the snail and the whale.

Swifts:

Luna for challenging yourself in the writing area to write a sentence.

Stanley for showing respect in our classroom by tidying up when you finished your learning.

Other:

Thank you for all the donations of junk modelling, we will continue to accept donations of recycling so that the children can keep making their wonderful creations. As you know we are a very creative bunch, we go through a lot of paper, if you are able and you would like to donate some plain white paper we would be very grateful. Thank you in advance. In our outdoor classroom we have a selection of bikes and scooters to develop our gross motor skills, however we are in need of some bike helmets to ensure the children can use these safely. If you have any spare or outgrown helmets at home that you would like to donate to Reception, that would be great.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend :)



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Best wishes,
The Early Years Team