



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Let's celebrate: Golden Leaves

Nightingales	Kingfishers	Woodpeckers
<p><i>Jessica - For showing resilience even when she finds something tricky and never giving up.</i></p> <p><i>Theo - For always being an amazing role model and trying his best.</i></p>	<p><i>Kathleen - For amazing contribution in our History lesson this week, and great prior knowledge about the Egyptians.</i></p> <p><i>Ralph - For showing curiosity in Science this week, thinking about electrical circuits.</i></p>	<p><i>Stuart - For producing such a creative animation piece in computing this week, it was fabulous.</i></p> <p><i>Alice-Mae - For such enthusiasm and great contributions in guided reading this week.</i></p> <p><i>Maisie W - For sharing such insightful answers in RE this week and understanding what true leadership is.</i></p>

Nightingales' class assembly

Congratulations to Nightingales on another incredible class assembly this afternoon – we hope you enjoyed it! Thank you to our parents and carers for helping children to learn their lines – it is so great to have your support.

Year 4 are proud to present the last in our series of class assemblies this term, which will be Kingfishers on 26th January at 2:45pm.

Ancient Egyptian Workshop: Friday 9th February

As part of our workshop day on Friday 9th February, we are inviting our Year 4 children to dress up using the theme of Ancient Egyptians. This is optional, but we wanted to give you 3 weeks' warning to start planning an outfit. Here are some photographs for inspiration:



Why read at home?

Please can we ask that **children read at least 4 times per week**, signed in their reading record book?

We believe that reading is one of the keys to unlocking learning and wellbeing! Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own. We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge.

Here are some top **10 benefits of reading** for children:

<i>Their vocabulary is larger and more extensive.</i>	<i>Their imagination can run wild.</i>	<i>They develop empathy.</i>	<i>Their concentration levels improve.</i>	<i>Their cognitive development is supported.</i>
<i>They perform better academically.</i>	<i>Their creativity skills develop.</i>	<i>They gain a deeper understanding of their world.</i>	<i>The parent/carer and child bond can improve.</i>	<i>Their social skills and interaction improve.</i>



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Consultation for Relationships, Sex and Health Education *(A Puzzle Piece in our Learning for Life Lessons)*

On Wednesday 31st January 2024 – 3.30-4.15pm, we are running a consultation workshop to go through the aims and objectives of our RSE curriculum and give you an opportunity to ask any questions. Please let the office know if you wish to attend by next Friday 26th January.

Other dates, including e-safety workshop

- Thursday 1st February 6.00pm – 7.15pm Online Safety Workshop
Sharon Girling OBE will offer advice to parents on how the online activities of young people affects them today and in their future.
- Thursday 8th February – Year 3 & 4 Junior Disco from 5.00 – 6.30pm
- Friday 22nd February – Break the Rules Day

Our learning

Next week, in **Maths**, we will be recapping the commutative and associative rules to help develop our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will start looking at informal written methods to help us solve larger problems. Here is a brief explanation of the properties that we will learn about on Monday and Tuesday:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-commutative-associative-and-distributive-property>

In **English**, we will use an animation of Tadeo Jones to write descriptive settings and stories using Ancient Egyptian tombs/crypts as inspiration. We will use different word types, including adjectives and adverbs.

In **Foundation** – our Science will involve noticing and naming components of circuits, including conductors and insulators; our Computing will continue to involve creating animations; and RE is the parable of the mustard seed.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

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