



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have another great week in Year 3.

In English this week, the children have been immersed in the story of Mr Grumpy and we have been practising how to correctly use inverted commas and reporting clauses when writing sentences with speech. We have been very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and resilience when using this new skill.

In Maths, we have been doing further work on our times tables. The children have used their knowledge to solve related multiplication and division questions, such as  $5 \times 7 = 35$ , so  $350 \div 7 = 50$ . We have also been multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.

We have continued to learn more about our topic by finding evidence from different sources to discover how the Bronze Age people lived. We have also been learning about how the skeletal muscles in our bodies work.

### **Donations**

As you can imagine, we get through a huge amount of stationery throughout the year. Please can you kindly ensure that your child has the correct stationery in their pencil cases – writing pencils, whiteboard pens and glue sticks are essential items which we use every day. If you are able to donate any of those items to your child's class, it would also be greatly appreciated. We are always grateful for boxes of tissues and old newspaper too!

### **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.



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- 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

**Purple Mash:**

**Username** 20mattsmitt@wps.school

**Password** - (individual to your child - see reading diary)

**Golden leaves**

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

**Sparrows**

26.01.24: Stanley - For brilliant History work this half term. You have been so enthusiastic and shared your own knowledge.

26.01.24: Ava - For being resilient and showing independence and enthusiasm in her maths and writing.

26.01.24: Harper - For being such a lovely kind member of Sparrows class.

**Magpies**

26.01.24: Abdul - For taking great care with his writing this week and mastering the use of inverted commas. Well done!

26.01.24: Elliot - For showing enthusiasm and resilience in maths this week and participating lots on the carpet.

**Starlings**

26.01.24: Bella S – For a brilliant story about Mr Grumpy with direct speech and inverted commas - well done!

26.01.24: Ezra V-T - For your excellent attitude to learning and being a great friend - well done!



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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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