



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

2.2.2024

The children have had a great week enjoying the sunshine and the warmer weather, they have enjoyed being outside using the mud kitchen to create some delicious recipes.

This week's learning:

In Phonics, the children learnt the new sounds, 'ow' (town), oi, ear, air. In Literacy, we have been reading and sequencing our new text, 'What the Ladybird heard at the Seaside'. We focused on using rhyming words to retell the story. In Maths, the children have been using numicon (number shapes), to make numbers 3-5 in different ways. For example, the children may have a five numicon piece and place a three and two on top, to show that $3+2=5$. Their challenge was to see how many different ways they can make these numbers. Additionally, the children were introduced to the concept of zero. This is teaching them that the numeral 0 represents the concept of 'nothing there', 'none'. In our Number Talks session we looked at different representations of 5, discussing how the children see the dots which enables them to know how many there are altogether. In PE, the children choreographed a short sequence combining a range of dynamics with a focus on transport. In PSED, we focused on obstacles and support. We have been talking about the importance of kind words and how kind words can encourage people.

Next week's learning:

In Phonics, the children will be learning the new sounds, 'ure', 'er' and ow (slow in the snow). In Literacy, we will be revisiting our text, 'What the Ladybird heard at the Seaside' and writing our own books! We will be focusing on using rhyming words within our stories. In Maths, the children will be developing one-to-one correspondence skills whilst counting and working towards understanding cardinality, i.e. always understanding that the last number they count represents the quantity when counting a group of objects. This will be achieved through playing board games and matching games in class. You may want to hold a games night at home to consolidate the children's skills! In our Number Talks we will continue to look at different representations of 5, discussing how the children see the dots which enables them to know how many there are altogether. In PSED, we will be focusing on the importance of kind words to encourage others and how we are good at this in class.

Golden leaves:

This week these children have been awarded a golden leaf:

Swallows:

Owen for being such a kind friend and always being a good role model to Swallows. Thank you!

John for sharing a great sentence in Phonics using the harder to read and spell word 'my'. Well done!

Swifts:

Layla for always making the right choice and being a happy member of our class.

Amari for always offering to help tidy and help adults in and out of the classroom.

Luke for challenging himself in all areas of learning, great independence shown!

Other:

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