



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 2nd February

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we have started our new units in both Maths and English!

We have begun learning about written methods of multiplication; we've started with 4 digits by 1 digit, before moving onto 2 by 2. As such, practice of timetables will be of paramount importance.

In English, we have started looking at letters – both formal and informal – that were circulating between Anne Boleyn and King Henry VIII. We will be learning about modal verbs, and using the degree of possibility consciously to improve the gravitas of our writing.

Swimming

We are now *desperately* looking for **two parent helpers** to go swimming with Year 5 after half term. Even if you can't commit to every week, we'd really appreciate the help if you can!

Online Safety

Thanks to those parents who attended the Online Safety workshop last night with Sharon Girling (OBE). I think we all agree how disturbing some of those facts and statistics are, and how important it is to keep our young people safe. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to talk openly within your family as well as with us.

Change to Break the Rules Day on Thursday 22nd February

Year 5 have been given an opportunity to watch a production of West Side Story at Christs College. As such, you will soon be receiving a consent form. However, we have decided that instead of missing out on Break the Rules Day, Year 5 will get the chance to break the rules the following day, on Friday 23rd February (with similar expectations as before)!

It also means we need some parent helpers to join us to support with adult ratios on the trip.

Homework

Thank you for the continued feedback regarding Atom Prime. The nature of the program is that it adapts to the child's ability based on how they are doing in this homework and in previous ones. Although this is not always perfect, as long as children do their best and attempt to apply their knowledge, that is all that matters! As a reminder, there are help sheets, videos and written explanations for each question which most children should be able to access independently.

Reading

A gentle reminder that Reading Diaries need to be coming into school so that we can log their reading sessions and check that the children are reading at home.

Wishing you all the best and a wonderful weekend.

The Year 5 Team

Mr Kennedy, Miss Taylor, Mr Djadali and Miss Piercy