



## Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 3! The children had a wonderful (and slightly soggy) time on their school trip to Butser Farm! They were a credit to yourselves and the school - behaviour and manners were impeccable. Thank you so much to our parent helpers - we couldn't have done it without you!

In English this week, the children have been inventing their own story based on Mr Grumpy. We have continued to focus on direct speech and the use of inverted commas. The children have been amazing and have really enjoyed learning this new skill. After half term, we will be exploring the story 'Stone Age Boy'.

In Maths, we have continued to look at multiplication and division. The children have been multiplying and dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number. After half term, we will be moving on to look at length and perimeter.

### **How to help at home - Times Tables**

By now, your child should be confident with the following times tables: 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, however they may not yet be secure and able to recount these fluently. They should also be reasonably confident with their 8s (double their 4's). It would be so helpful if you could support your child with these times tables at home to ensure they are secure and confident. The children would benefit from learning them in order first (1x2, 2x2, 3x2 etc), before moving on to having them in a random order.

### **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.

### **Swimming and PE**

***After half term, Year 3 PE days will be: Mondays and Wednesdays***

Swimming lessons will begin on Monday 19th February. These lessons will take the place of our Tuesday PE lesson. Due to our swimming lessons being scheduled around lunch times, we are asking that on swimming days please could the children bring in a packed lunch. If your child normally has a free school meal, the kitchen will provide a packed lunch unless you would prefer to provide your own; please inform the office if you are going to provide your own.

In order to facilitate changing, we would need the children to come into school wearing their swimming kit underneath their P.E. kit. Each child will require a labelled bag containing the following labelled items:

- Swimming hat for both boys & girls
- Towel

It is advisable for girls to wear a tankini or a full swimming costume. A bikini would not be appropriate attire.

### **Time change**

Due to staff hours, Sparrows class and Magpies class will be swapping their swimming time. Please find the new timings of swimming sessions below. We will be getting a coach to and from swimming, so will depart school half an hour before each class is due to swim, and arrive back about half an hour after the swimming session. If you are a parent volunteer, please let your child's class teacher know if these new timings work or not.



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Mondays	
11:00-11:30	Starlings
11:30 – 12:00	Sparrows
13:00 – 13:30	Magpies

### **Class Assemblies**

Year 3 class assemblies are coming up soon. Please find the dates and times below.

Starlings - Friday 1st March 2.45pm

Sparrows - Friday 8th March 2.45pm

Magpies - Friday 15th March 2.45pm

Starlings children will be coming home with scripts and costume letters (don't panic - no need to buy anything!). We would really appreciate you spending some time with your child to help them learn their lines. This helps them to feel much more confident and comfortable on stage.

Sparrows children have also taken home song lyrics to learn. We would really appreciate your support in helping your children to learn these words.

### **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**

Atanas - For trying really hard to listen carefully, manage his distractions and sit quietly when working

Rony - For working super hard in English and showing such perseverance with his handwriting

### **Magpies**

Evie - For participating enthusiastically in the inter-house sports event and showing sportsmanship throughout.

Oscar - For showing respect and curiosity during our school trip to Butser Farm.

### **Starlings**

Bea BC - For showing all of our school values during our trip to Butser Farm - well done!

Mia - For participating so enthusiastically during our trip to Butser Farm - well done!

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