



Wordsworth Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term at Wordsworth

Dear Parents and children,

We have had an exciting month back at school and are so impressed with how quickly the children have settled into their new classes, year groups and routines. Here are some highlights from the term so far...

Sports and Keeping Active

As well as the 'Golden Mile' on Tuesdays there have been lots of fun extra sporting activities going on, which the children have really engaged with.

Year 1 – 6 enjoyed extra P.E. sessions with three visiting coaches. In Tag Rugby they learned dodging skills for chasing games and practiced travelling in different ways to avoid their tags being removed.



In Cheerleading they worked on teamwork and leadership while creating a short cheer sequence.

Bikeability

Year 6 have been learning to ride safely on the road in Bikeability this week. In small groups, they have learned to be vigilant while riding, signal when turning and how to position themselves in the road.



Running Club

The first running club of the year saw over 80 children from KS2 work on their fitness and running technique. As well as this, 25 children represented Wordsworth at the Southampton Cross Country League race! They all did brilliantly, including a couple of top twenty finishers for both boys and girls! Well done to all who took part.



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The Creative Curriculum!

The children have also been working really hard within their creative curriculum lessons linked to the term's topics.

Year R have had lots of fun singing songs, doing role play and exploring the Year R garden, field and Nature Zone.

Year 1 and 2 have been creating repeating patterns with percussion instruments, playing drama games and using freeze frames. In the Nature Zone Year 1 made wattle and daub by practising their weaving skills and then using a mixture of mud, clay, straw and water to make daub. Coming up, they will be working as a team to transport water. Year 2 had a scavenger hunt in the Nature zone and they used a variety of materials to camouflage some brightly coloured objects. Coming up, they will be looking at food chains and completing a mini-beast hunt!

Year 3 and 4 have been linking emotions and pictures to popular songs in musicals or sung by gospel choirs and exploring emotion lightbulbs. Year 3 have also been making shadow puppets! In Outdoor Education Year 3 drew maps using landmarks as focus points. They also used co-ordinates to navigate from one point to another. Coming up, they will be making bird feeders and using co-ordinates to complete a treasure hunt. Year 4 completed some observational drawings using viewfinders. They also tried pond dipping where they found pond skaters, dragonfly nymphs and some baby newts. Coming up, they will be making their own digestive systems!

Year 5 have been creating a set design for a stage version of War of the Worlds and using the same piece of music to design a storyboard. They have also been creating their own images of 'Peace.' In Outdoor Education Year 5 went on a planet hunt and then created a human solar system. Coming up, they will be creating their own cave paintings using materials found in the nature zone. Year 6 have been comparing music from musicals and writing poems. In Outdoor Education Year 6 experimented with utensils as beaks. They discussed Darwin's finches and the theory of evolution. Coming up, they will be shelter/den building to protect them from the weathers of the UK.



UPCOMING EVENTS

There are so many whole school exciting events coming up. Here is a flavour of what to expect. Individual events for Year groups will be shared by year teams/ teachers.

From Monday 4th October- Walktober

We will be encouraging children to take part in Walktober which is all about pupils, staff and their families finding opportunities to walk and be outside as often as possible!

Monday 18th October- Harvest!

We will be celebrating Harvest with Sandy from the Salvation Hall. If you are able to donate any tinned food/dried food, please send into school with your child on that morning. All donations will help local families in need and will be very much appreciated.

Beginning 1st November: Election Week

We will be holding elections across the school for different roles and responsibilities for the children.

Here are the roles we will be electing:

- Year R – Guardians of the Garden
- Year 1 – Respect Rangers
- Year 2 – Environment Officers
- Year 3 – Safety Officers
- Year 4 – School Value Ambassadors
- Year 5 – House Captains/Sports Leaders
- Year 6- Head and Deputy girl/boy/ Prefects/ Sports Leaders

In addition, we will be electing new School Councillors from across the school. Our Eco Councillors are already in post, as are our Librarians.

Beginning 15th November – Anti Bullying Week

This Year's theme is 'One Kind Word' and we will be having an 'Odd Socks Day' on Friday 19th November to celebrate the fact we are all unique.

Children in Need Day- The date for this is yet to be confirmed, but we will be having a collection and in return children will be able to wear non -school uniform/ Pudsey ears/ accessories.

Friday 26th November after school- Winter Event...



More details about this exciting event soon!

Spotlight on.....

Our New Year R children!

Our new Year R children have been absolutely amazing! We have been so impressed by their independence, resilience and ability to adapt to their new surroundings so quickly. They even remained calm and collected on their very first day when we had a fire alarm during lunch time and the fire brigade came to check the school! They have also enjoyed spending time with their Year 6 buddies.

The Year R classrooms are looking wonderful and fresh, having been redesigned and decorated over the summer. They have a creative open plan design allowing plenty of opportunity for free flow play and include reading gardens, role play zones, construction areas, creation areas, water play, messy play, small world, writing and maths stations and quiet zones. The children are also enjoying the free flow into the Early Years garden.



The children will be coming home with reading books to share with you. Please do not expect your child to be able to read them yet as we have only just starting blending. The sounds the children have learnt are: **s a t p i n m d g o c k** so they may well point these out to you. The most important thing is that you and your child can share a book together for pleasure. The Year R team will shortly be sending out more information on how you can support your child at home.

Notices:

- Mrs. Gordon has decided to leave Wordsworth Primary School to pursue other career opportunities. We wish her all the best for the future.
- We have a few changes to our office team coming up. A huge thank you to Mrs. Burns, who we waved goodbye to last week as she joins a new school closer to home. Sadly, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs. Dear from the office team on Friday. We thank her for everything she has done and wish her all the best in her exciting new job. We are however looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Williams as our new School Business Manager very soon.
- Communication- We try our best to communicate clearly with parents, but we appreciate we do not always get it right. Please do speak to the teachers on the playground if you have any queries or concerns or alternatively email the school at info@wordsworthprimary.co.uk. We will do our utmost to help.

