



# Wormholt News

Friday 15th October

## Head's Chat

We have had a busy week here. Lots of great teaching and learning!

As I've been walking around the school this week, it's so good to see how well behaved and focussed the children are. I visited Year 1 and saw some wonderful writing and Year 3 were busy learning all about apostrophes! The Nursery children were so engaged with their play, they didn't even notice me!

It's also been lovely to see so many of you here for parent meetings. I hope you've found them useful. As I wrote last week, the more you can read with your children and talk to them at home, the more they will learn.



Next week is Science week. Please ask your children what they are learning each day. They absolutely love science week and there are so many exciting activities taking place.

Next week's newsletter will include lots of pictures showing you what the children are learning.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Anika Hargie

Headteacher

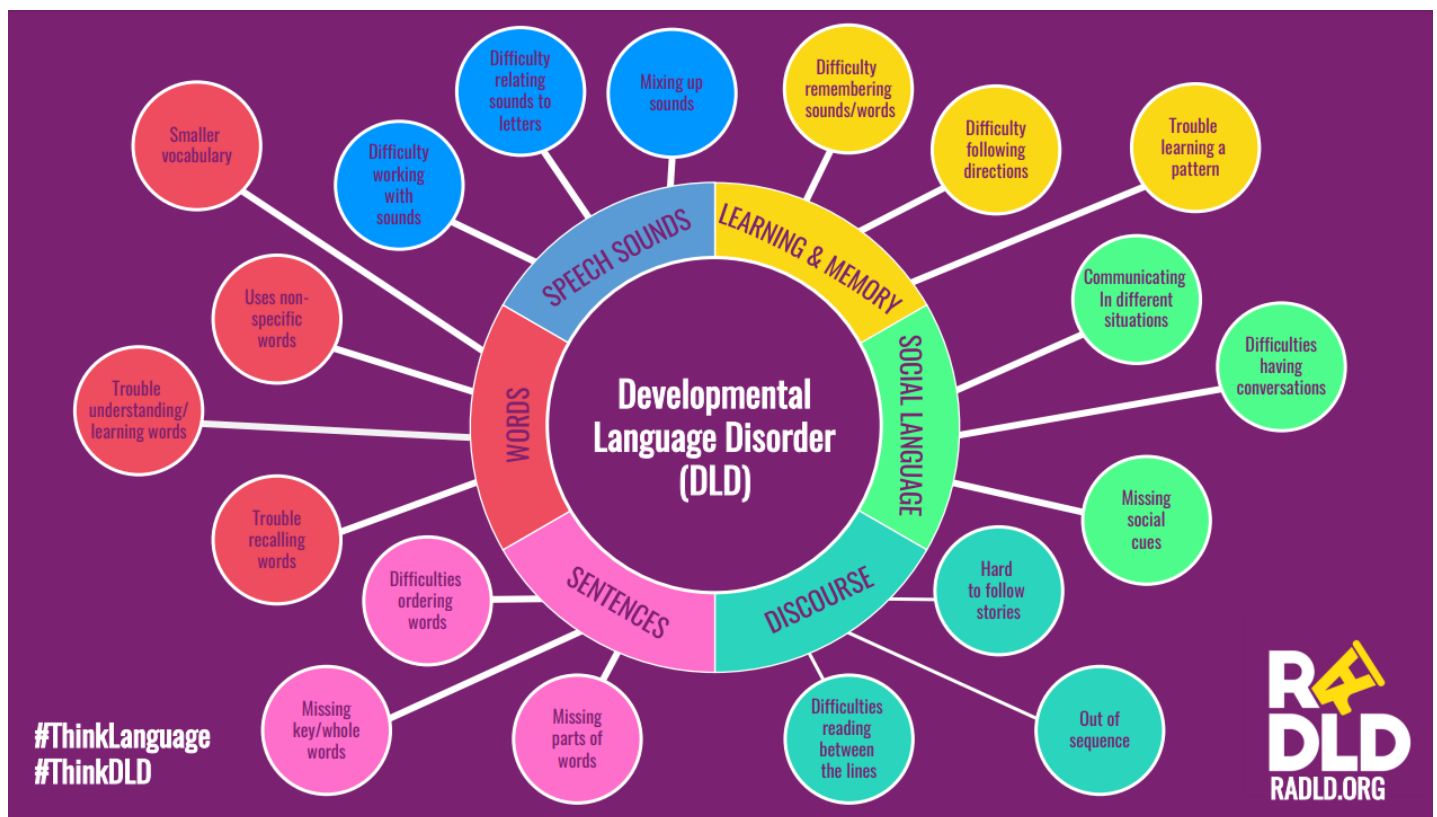
## Mornings

Our gates open at **8.30am** for children to start coming into school for Soft Start. At the moment, we have quite a number of children and parents arriving considerably earlier than this. Can I politely ask that this stops, for a number of different reasons.

Not only will your children get bored and restless if they are standing outside school for ages, they will also get cold, as the weather is beginning to change. We also have a health and safety issue, as children are standing in front of the gates, while cars are trying to drive into or out of the carpark. Additionally, children are triggering the sensors on the gates, which is resulting in the electrics and mechanisms on the gates becoming confused. We keep having to call out the gate company and each visit is costing us a substantial amount of money. We are delighted that children love getting to school for 8.30am but please don't wait outside the school anymore before 8.25am - You could always take your child for a quick run round the park if you're early! Thank you for your understanding.

## Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) awareness

Nisha (our EYFS speech and Language therapist) was delighted to meet so many of you on Tuesday afternoon. She wanted to share the image below with parents which shows the many different ways DLD can impact on communication. Further information can be found on the website: <https://radld.org/about/dld/>



## Parent Workshops

At Wormholt Park Primary School, we understand that working in partnership is vital in supporting the educational and social development of our children. Therefore we are excited to announce that we will be holding a **Helping your Child to use Google Classroom** information session next Thursday. This short session will demonstrate how to: Log on and off; How to access assignments; How to use Google Docs to complete work; How to hand work in; and How to upload a photo. This session is aimed at parents in KS1 & KS2 but all parents are welcome. We hope to see you there

**Helping your child to use Google Classroom: Thursday 21st October**

All sessions are held in the button Hall from 8.45am to 9.15am



## Year 3 - Stone Age Topic



In History, Year 3 has been learning about the Stone Age. They have been discussing how the Stone Age people changed and adapted from the Palaeolithic Period (Old Stone Age) to the Neolithic Period (New Stone Age). They learned that by the Neolithic Period, Stone Age men and women were starting to settle down in one place due to their advances in farming and their ability to domesticate animals. They had also started making and using clay pots to store and serve food in.

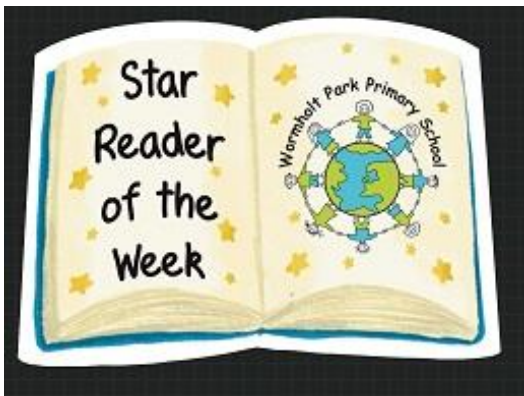
Inspired by Neolithic pottery, the children used clay and made their own versions of Neolithic utensils. They are fantastic!







## Readers of the Week



This week, the Readers of the Week are:

**Mason in Oslo and Kaelan in Tripoli**

Mason used his phonic knowledge brilliantly when he read to me today. Kaelan read to me and Ms McNiffe with wonderful expression and fluency.



Well done, both of you.

## Year 6 - Secondary Transfer

Reminder - Secondary School Applications - Closing date: 31.10.2021.

**PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE!**

## Lateness

There are still far too many children arriving at school after 8.45am. Letters have now been sent out to all parents whose children are persistently late.

If you need any support in helping to make your mornings more manageable, so your children arrive at school on time, please let us know and we will try to help.



## Attendance

I wonder who will win the overall attendance competition this term and get extra playtime?

Best Attendance this week	
1st	Wellington
2nd	Athens

Well done to these classes



## Wormholt Park's Hall of Fame - will return after half term!



Happy Birthday to these children who have celebrated their birthdays this week.

Nursery: Abdullahi

Reception: Zahra

Year 1: Abigael and Kathleen

Year 3: Eliza

Year 4: Yingzhi and Hafsa

Year 6: AyaMusab

## Useful Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term (half day for pupils)