



Wormholt News

Friday 19th January

Head's Chat

Dear Families,

I hope you've all managed to keep warm this week - it's so cold!!



We have been reminding the children to wear coats, hats etc at playtime, although some of them claim they don't feel the cold!

We have a Coffee Morning on Monday from 8.45am. It would be lovely to see lots of you there. It's a great opportunity to get to know other parents.

On Thursday, we had a fire alarm and I was so impressed with how well the children behaved. They evacuated the building so sensibly and quietly.

Ms Osta and I have been meeting with all the teachers this week to discuss the children's progress following the assessments that were carried out at the end of the Autumn term. Great progress has been made overall. I'd like to remind parents/carers that the more you read with your children and practise times tables etc, the better! It really does make a difference to the progress the children make.

Thank you for all your support!

Have a great weekend!

Anika Hargie

Headteacher

The Reception Class is going into SPACE!

This term, we are reading the book *Astro Girl* and exploring space. The children love the space station in the middle room, exploring being astronauts and learning about the different planets. They created beautiful space art using oil pastels and have fully immersed themselves in the topic!



Universal Free School Meals programme – it's extending until the middle of 2025!

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has announced that he is extending funding for Universal Free School Meals for another academic school year between September 2024 and July 2025. This means that primary school aged children who attend a state funded school in London will continue to receive a healthy, nutritious meal for free.

Even though your child is receiving their free school meals automatically, it is still vitally important – if you have not done so already – to complete your school or borough's short registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth over £1,300 per year. That's more money for extracurricular activities, teacher

development and support for children who need it most. This will ensure you'll also receive any other benefits you may be entitled to, like food vouchers during the holidays. Ask your school for more info or visit your borough website.

For more information about this and anything else about the scheme please visit our online hub: <https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Families who are having difficulties with their financial situation can also access advice and support by visiting my cost-of-living hub here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/communities-and-socialjustice/help-cost-living>

You can access a full copy of the Mayor of London's letter to parents by clicking [here](#)

Baby & Toddler Stay and Play - Tuesday 30th January

This event is open to all parents with babies and toddlers! Please join us in the bottom hall from 8.45 to 9.30am

Parents Coffee Morning - Monday 22nd January

This event is open to all parents! Please join us for a tea and a chat in the bottom hall from 8.45 to 9.30am



Year 5 - Skills Builder Week

Year 5 had their Skills Builder challenge week, last week, which was called Big Business.

We had to design and market a service that could be accessed such as a cinema (which we called The Big Screen!) and hairdressers (Which we had branded as The Hair Experts!)

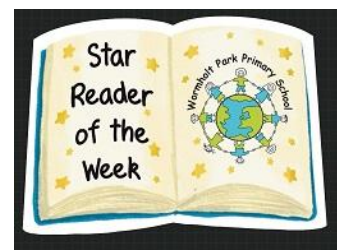
We had great fun throughout the week and focused on three main skills which were Leadership, Staying Positive and Aiming High.



Reader of the Week

This week, the Star Readers of the Week are Elias in Havana (Y1) and Malala in Tokyo (Y5)

Well Done!



Weekly Book Review

This week, we have three book reviews from the children in Santiago Class (Y6)

Book: Goodnight Mister Tom By Michelle Magorian

'Goodnight Mister Tom is one of my favourite books. It is stuffed with adventures and helpful vocabulary. It is based on a true story in World War 2. The main character is called William Beech and he is an evacuated 9 Year Old. His guardian is Tom Oakley who lives near the countryside but his cruel mother falls ill and one day summons him back to the War-Torn London. I can't tell you anything further until you are willing to read the book for yourself. I love



the adventure of the story. I dislike how cruel the mother is. I definitely recommend this book.' By Mariam

Book: Skulduggery Pleasant By Derek Landy

'It is an amazing book about a girl called Valkyrie Cain but her real name is Stephanie. Her Uncle Gordon dies and ever since then, she has joined the world of magic with her skeleton friend Skulduggery. I loved how funny the book was. The plot twists are unpredictable and gripping. My favourite character is China Sorrows because her powers are super cool. I think this book should be called Valkyrie Cain because 99.9% of the book is about her. Other than that, this book is superb and I recommend it for all ages.' By Khadijah



Book: The Coin Quest By George Badejo-Adegbenqa



'I recently started reading The Coin Quest by George Badejo-Adegbenqa, and I have to say that I am enjoying it so far. The story follows two main characters, Zuri and Tiara, on a thrilling adventure as they embark on a quest to find lost treasure. Along the way, they encountered several challenges and obstacles and it was really interesting to see how they worked together to overcome them. The themes of friendship, trust, and teamwork are fantastic in this book! I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys adventure stories!' By:Manal

Skills Builder Weekly Challenge

Have you been completing any of these skills builder challenges at home? Please let us know how you are finding these. Here is this week's challenge!



Skills Challenges

[See all Skills Challenges](#)

Think about the five most interesting facts about yourself.

Once you have thought about the facts, plan out the logical order that you would tell someone in.

Then, speak clearly when telling either a family member or friend these facts.

Think about how you might use tone, expression and gestures when telling a family member or friend.

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How do we know if we are speaking clearly?

Intermediate: As you speak how can you put your points into a logical order so you can be easily understood?


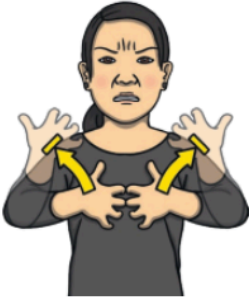
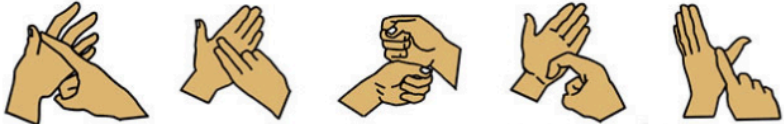
Advanced: How can you use tone, expression and gesture to make your speaking engaging?

Mastery: How can you adapt the content of what you are saying, in response to listeners?


Skills Builder has resources available for parents/carers on their website. The [Home Zone](#) helps parents and carers to build their child's essential skills at home. Each week they have a different Skills Challenge that parents/carers can complete with their child. [Click here to visit their website](#)

Sign Language - Angry

19th January: this week's sign is; angry

Makaton	British Sign Language (BSL)
	
British Sign Language spelling (BSL)	
	

School Calendar

						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Back to School	10	11 School Uniform Recycling	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Parents Coffee Morning	23	24	25	26 Let The Class Assembly Birthday Bash	27
28	29	30 Stay & Play	31			

Our School calendar is updated regularly. Please click the link to access it. [Click here to see](#)

Attendance

Best Attendance this week	
1st	Seoul
2nd	Wellington

Best Punctuality this week	
1st	Santiago
2nd	Athens

Well done to these classes!

Useful Dates this term

Spring Term 2023	
Friday 26th January	La Paz (Year 2) Class Assembly - from 10.00am
Friday 26th January	Birthday Bash
Friday 2nd February	Tokyo (Year 5) Class Assembly - from 10.00am
Tuesday 20th February	School Uniform Recycling
Friday 23rd February	Birthday Bash
Friday 1st March	Athens (Year 4) Class Assembly - from 10.00am
Friday 8th March	Washington (Year 3) Class Assembly - from 10.00am
Friday 22nd March	Havana (Year 1) Class Assembly - from 10.00am
Friday 22nd March	Birthday Bash
Wednesday 27th March	Parents Coffee Morning
Tuesday 16th April	School Uniform Recycling
Friday 26th April	Ottawa (Reception) Class Assembly - from 10.00am
Friday 26th April	Birthday Bash

Term Dates

Spring Term 2024	
Tuesday 9th January	Children back
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	Half Term
Thursday 28th March - 1.30pm	End of Term
Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15th April	Children back
Friday 19th April	INSET DAY
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 17th June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23rd July - 1.30pm	Last day of term