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Poplar Class Curriculum Letter – Spring 1

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready for the term ahead.

Changes in Poplar Class

Ms Beer will continue to teach the children on Mondays/Tuesdays and Mrs Oliver will teach on Wednesdays/Thursdays/Fridays. Mrs Dellow will continue to be the teaching assistant for all mornings. We are all looking forward to settling in to our new class routine.

Kick Start Week

We will be focusing on Kick Start Week for the week beginning Monday 10th January. Please look out for further information from the School Council in a separate letter.

Maths

This half term, we will begin by recapping and securing our strategies for addition and subtraction. If you have any queries in regards to our approach, please reference the calculation policy which is available on the school website. We will also be focusing on multiplication and division strategies and driving forwards with our times tables practice too.

English

Our texts for this half term will be “The pebble in my pocket” and “Storm”. We are looking forward to completing a variety of writing opportunities linked to these texts.

Reading

All children will need a reading book in school every day. Ideally, this will be a book that will travel back and forth between school and home on a daily basis. It can be a personal book or a book selected from the school library. We will be trying our best to support this organisation in school and would very much appreciate your support from home too.

Science

Our focus for this half term will be ‘Animals including humans’ which will cover topics such as healthy eating, skeletons and muscles. Please refer to the science knowledge organiser for information on what we are learning about.

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Art

We will be focusing on sketching animals, aiming for children to develop their technique of sketching and shading while considering varied angles and proportions for their drawings.

Geography

This half term, our topic is titled **Extreme Earth** which will focus on the subject of Geography. The children will mainly be learning about Volcanoes and Earthquakes. Please refer to our topic knowledge organiser to see which objectives will be covered as part of this topic.

PE

Poplar Class will continue to have **PE on Wednesdays and Fridays**, so children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure that children with their ears pierced are able to either independently remove earrings or have their own supply of medical tape to cover them safely.

Home Learning

Mrs Oliver will be taking over the spelling rules for Poplar Class. The weekly spelling rule will be **given out on a Friday** and **checked on the following Thursday**. We understand that some of you have had trouble accessing the ReadWriter website, but we have been working to resolve this issue. Weekly spelling rules will be accessible for practice on the ReadWriter website so please email us if you have any further problems accessing them.

Weekly home learning activities for maths will be sent home on Fridays, along with the weekly spelling rule. Please feel free to respond to this activity using Tapestry to share your child's work. If you experience any trouble accessing your Tapestry account, please email us.

In addition to these tasks, we also ask for your support in encouraging your child to read for at least 20 minutes a day and to complete regular times table practice. The children continue to have access to TTRS.

We are really looking forward to a busy and exciting half term, while Mrs Oliver is especially looking forward to getting to know the children and families.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ***new*** Poplar mailbox (poplar@neroche.uat.ac) if you have any questions or queries and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Many thanks for your support,

Ms Beer Mrs Oliver Mrs Dellow