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Poplar Class Curriculum Letter – Spring 2

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have had a restful break.

Maths

In Maths we will be introducing methods to divide a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number and developing our understanding of division. We will then look at Statistics and Measurement. The focus in our work on measurement will be length and perimeter.

English

We will be completing varied writing opportunities linked to the “Katie” books by James Mayhew, which focus upon different artists and their work. Our main focus will be adventure narratives.

Science

Our focus for this half term will be plants. The children will be learning about the life cycle of plants, the parts and functions of plants and how they adapt in different environments.

Art

This half term in Art, we will be focussing on the art of Vincent van Gogh. We will be looking at the techniques and materials he used in his art. We will focus in particular on two of his masterpieces- Sunflowers and Starry Night

History

In History we will be looking at the reign of the Tudor Queen Elizabeth I and how the Elizabethan era has influenced our lives today. We will look at exploration and trade. We will also find out about daily life in the Elizabethan era, including Elizabethan leisure activities.

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 can we request 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.

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RSHE

In our weekly RSHE sessions, we will begin by completing our objectives from last half term which focus on relationships and touch. As part of this focus, we will be discussing the scientific names of body parts (including male and female genitals). We will then cover respectful relationships and stealing for the remainder of the half term.

Home Learning

The weekly spelling rule will continue to be **given out on a Friday** and **checked on the following Thursday**. The spelling rule focus will be accompanied by some example words which fit the rule, as well as some additional words to practise from the year 3-4 word list. The spelling rule check focuses mainly on the spelling rule and checks the spelling of additional words which fit the spelling rule. Read iWriter is a great resource for exploring the spelling rule further and practising spellings.

Weekly home learning activities for maths will continue to 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.

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.

Upcoming Parents' Evening

Please make sure you have booked a slot for the upcoming parents' evenings on **16th and 17th March**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the 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