

Poplar Group Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had a good summer. We would like to welcome your child to Poplar Group.

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support their learning at home. There is also a timetable and a list of related requirements.

Our topic this term is **All About Me.**

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

Science

We will think about different parts of our bodies and recognise where they are. We will recognise ourselves in photographs and will think about the things we like and dislike.

Help your child identify different parts of their bodies e.g. head, hand, legs etc.

Listen to action songs about different parts of the body.

Literacy

We will read some stories by Julia Donaldson. We will build upon fine motor skills for mark making and writing. We will identify different animals in the stories and recognise/ mimic the sounds they make.

Write in your child's home-school book to let us know what they have done over the weekend.

Share stories by Julia Donaldson (and any other stories or books!). Look at the pictures together. See if your child can point out different animals.

Art / DT

We will create collages using different media, such as Paper Mache and tissue paper.

Sit and make collages together. Do simple collage by tearing up old magazine pictures and sticking the coloured pieces onto paper.

We will make a selection of deserts and ice lollies using Angel Delight and fruit.

PSHE

We will help the children to recognise their feelings, and to express them.

Label your child's emotions as they display them. For instance, tell them they look happy when they are smiling.

Maths

We will practice 1:1 matching and counting up to 5.

Count out loud anytime, anywhere!

Count things together - stairs up to bed, potatoes on your plate, people in the park - anything!

We will look at 2D shapes such as triangles, squares and circles.

Name shapes in the environment. Go on shape walks identifying one particular shape e.g. circles.



Swimming

Poplar Group is sharing swimming sessions with Redwood Group this year and we will be swimming on alternate half terms. This half term we will not be swimming, instead we have an extra session in the hall for P.E. After half term we will be swimming on Friday mornings.



PE - every Thursday and Friday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash.

Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book every day to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book. **Please read the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this flyer. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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And the Poplar Team - *Emily, Caz, Tor, Shannon and Jo*