

Poplar Class Update

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to our summer term Home Learning newsletter. In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. Home learning can take on many forms; it doesn't just mean extra work at home! Talking to your child about our topics and making links to what you see and do when out and about can really help - it's probably what you are already doing. If you have any questions about home learning please get in touch with me.

What we will do in school...

Our topics for PSHE this term are Healthy Living, Looking After Me, Going for Goals and Changes. We will be looking at Healthy choices of food, revisiting personal hygiene, setting personal goals and targets and looking at changes that may happen to us.

English - We will be reading a variety of short stories and non-fiction books about animals. We will be naming different animals in photographs and symbols. We will annotate pictures of animals with peps symbols. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills through sensory activities.

Maths - We will continue to explore and learn numbers and quantities up to 10. We will count and sort animals. We will use language to show position e.g. on, under, in, up, down.

Knowledge of the World and Creativity - We are finding out about all kinds of animals this term. We will continue to make cards in DT and will create animal collages in art. We will look at animal habitats, lifecycles and food in science. In food tech we will continue to make toast and sandwiches as well as exploring fruits making smoothies, fruit salads and desserts.

ICT We will continue to use the Purple Mash programme '2paint a picture' to create art on the interactive whiteboard (IWB) or PC. We will be encouraging pupils to choose a song to watch on the IWB. We will be looking at equipment that uses electricity to work.

What you could do together at home...

Encourage your child to explore fruit and vegetables, maybe making a juice or a smoothie. Encourage your child to be as independent as possible at dressing, choosing clothes, washing. Help your child to be aware of their emotions by identifying the different emotions they show.

Share books with your child. Encourage your child to look at writing on posters, logos, shop signs etc. Try activities with playdough, paint or messy play to encourage them to use their fingers. Name animals that you see when out.

Encourage your child to join in with counting, count all sorts of things e.g. socks, toys, knives and forks etc. Look for numbers in the local area - road signs, door numbers etc. Sing counting rhymes or pop songs with numbers in. Use the positional language we are learning about.

Spot different animals when you are out and about. Find pictures of animals in magazines and books. Put food out in the garden for the birds. If the weather is good, explore sensory materials outside such as sand, sawdust, compost, water. Support your child to help choose some ingredients and make a snack.

Continue to encourage your child to play with cause and effect toys. Can your child find clips they want to watch on an iPad?



PE - We have PE in the hall on

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays this term.

Next half term we will have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be swimming on Fridays.

Please send a PE kit in so we can help the pupils to develop their independence in dressing and undressing (any comfortable shorts, T-shirt and appropriate footwear).

When we begin swimming again please send in a swimming kit, shower gel and antiperspirant as we will be encouraging the class to have a shower after swimming and supporting developing independent washing.



Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book daily to let you know about your child's day. However I will usually contact parents by telephone if I feel there is something you need to know quickly. 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. I am happy to email you our weekly newsletter if you would prefer it in an electronic form. I can be contacted on the school email system if you would prefer to email me, at karen.salamon@walnuts.milton-keynes.sch.uk if you contact me by email please note that I do not always get a chance to check emails before school starts or during the school day but usually check them after school.

We will be visiting Thomley again this term our next visits are 22nd April, 13th May, 24th June, 8th July (all are a Friday).

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

Best Wishes,

Karen and the Poplar Class team