

Poppy Class Spring Term Information



Welcome back to Poppy Class! We hope that you had a lovely break over the Christmas holidays. We are happy to say that we have a busy and exciting new year ahead of us. This newsletter should hopefully cover any questions that you may have. However if you should have any further questions then please feel free to pop into school and see either Miss Whiting or Mrs Cooke. We are always happy to help.

Our learning this term will use plants and the life of Florence Nightingale theme as an exciting vehicle for learning. As usual this will be taught in an exciting and cross curricular way. I am always delighted with the enthusiastic response from all of the children and we are looking forward to sharing some of the brilliant objects and resources that the children bring into school. We have already made a great start creating our stimulating classroom environment and it is so pleasing to see the pride that the children have already.

Hook Day This terms Poppy Class hook day will take place on Friday 12th January. Our day will have a DT focus and the children will design - create and make a lamp that Florence Nightingale may have used to light her way around the Scutari hospital. No need for costumes this time.

Home Learning

Reading We continue with our drive to read at least three times per week. Please continue to support your child's home reading, remember this may be a book of your own choice. If you have any questions or simply want to celebrate your child's successes then please pop into school or sent a note to school in your child's reading record.

Spelling The Year 1 and 2 exception words will be sent home again, please learn these with your child at their own pace. Spelling is a real focus for our school and we aim to teach and assess spelling in lots of exciting ways. If you are looking to invest then the Spelling Shed app has all words right up to Y6 - if you would like to see this app in action then pop in school and see Miss Whiting.

Maths: Please remember Maths Rockx, you can download the app for free and utilise the quiz feature for free. Don't forget to log in to TT Rockstars. If you need any further explanation about this then feel free to pop into school.

Topic: Children can choose any piece of home learning on a weekly basis. It is always fabulous to see the children's efforts, which can be recorded in their home learning books. Please allow your children the flexibility of adapting tasks that have been set or even creating your own, based upon family days out and experiences. Our home learning really is brilliant. Thank you for your continued support.

General Reminders...

- **PE:** The children will be doing PE on Thursday and Friday. However please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school every day and that all items are clearly labelled. An outdoor kit would be useful as we occasionally use our wonderful outdoor space for PE.
- **Letters:** Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be handed to Miss Whiting or Mrs Cooke.
- **Water bottles:** The children should bring in a water bottle from home with a sports style cap which they can access throughout the day. They will be encouraged to change their water regularly and the bottle must be taken home each evening to be washed. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- **Outdoor learning:** As outdoor learning is a real focus for us this term please ensure that your child brings an outdoor coat into school every single day. This will enable us to be ever ready for outdoor learning opportunities.

Look out for...

- We are busily planning and preparing Y2 trips, and we hope to visit Green Futures and participate in the Y2 Singing Festival in the Spring term, more details will follow shortly.
- We will hold an end of KS1 assessment meeting to keep you updated with our end of Year 2 assessment information, more details will follow shortly.

If you have any questions then contact either Miss Whiting or Mrs Cooke who will be happy to help.