



Poplar Newsletter

Autumn 2 Term 2023-24



Upcoming Diary Dates:

- KS4 Basketball Competition
9th November
- Children in need
17th November
- Christmas Light Walk
7th December
- Christmas Church Carol Service
18th December
- Christmas Dinner Day 19th
December

General Class News:

We have had an amazing first half term, the students did really well camping for their Duke of Edinburgh practice.

Poplar class still have a few more paddle board sessions which they have really enjoyed so far.

The textile students had a great trip to Houghton Hall and are looking forward to competing in a basketball competition against other schools.

Maths

The year 11 maths programme for the second half of the Autumn term is as follows:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Number		Algebra		Ratio and proportion		

Assessments will be carried out at appropriate times.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> and <https://uk.ixl.com/> are useful websites to access.

English

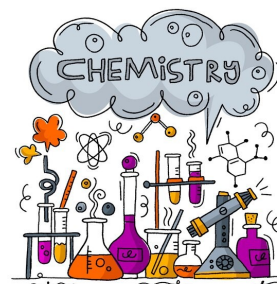
We are now at the point in the year when completed tasks can be considered for exams, we will work closely with pupils on which pieces we will choose for submission. This coming half term, we continue with The Butterfly Lion or Street Corner Dad and we begin reading a variety of short stories from different centuries. Pupils will develop their comprehension of fiction and non-fiction through guided reading. They use imagery to inspire their own fictional stories and write recounts and reports. Pupils continue to revise and develop their spelling, grammar and punctuation in readiness for their exams. They will discuss and compare images from war as their first speaking and listening exam task.

RSHE

Our Theme this half term is Self Awareness, we will be focusing on Managing Pressure including discussion around Bullying, Gangs and County lines. We will consider what is meant by peer pressure and talk about the ways this can be challenged. Identify different types of bullying (including online) and what the impact of bullying might be.

Science

We will continue our chemistry topic for the AQA Entry Level. The pupils will plan their own investigation to determine which is the best indigestion medicine as part of their coursework.



PE

During this half term lessons will be moving into the gym where students will learn the basic skills of Basketball. We will be looking at dribbling, passing and shooting techniques. We will then look to put all these skills together and play a full court game following the rules. The other PE lesson students receive will be Circuit training and learning some Boxing skills.

Other subjects:

Options food:

We will be cooking cakes, pastries and seasonal items.

Topic:

Our topic this half term is WW2 – We will investigate the role of soldiers and civilians, home front and protection used, such as the gasmask, shelters, blackouts and air raid sirens. We will look at the role women played during the war, artefacts and music from that period. We will see what was rationed and discuss why.

Any other useful information:

Attendance and uniform continue to be a focus of the school.

Thank you for your help with this.