



Poplar Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2023-24



Upcoming Diary Dates:

Safer Internet Day -

Wednesday 7th February

World Book Day -

(Upper Phase)

Tuesday 5th March

Half term

Mon 19th - Fri 23rd February



SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2024 | Tuesday
6 February
www.saferinternetday.org



General Class News:

Welcome back , hope everyone had a nice holiday.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the students who helped out in the workshop for the Christmas fayre. It was a brilliant evening and we raised lots of money, well done everyone.

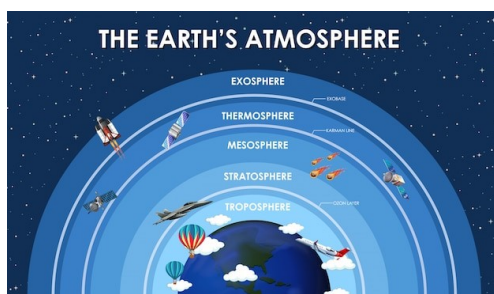
This half term we are looking forward to Poplar going out on more practice walks and learning how to make themselves something to eat and drink on the trangias.



Maths

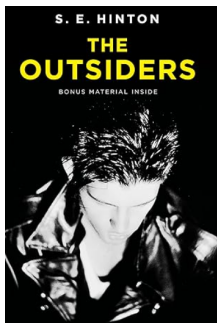
Next term will be concentrating on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will have a mock level 1 exam and complete any entry level assessments. It will be a busy time in maths.

Science



The students will continue working towards their ELC qualification. We will be finishing our chemistry topic covering the Earth's atmosphere and how humans have impacted it, as well as combustion. After this, the students will be completing their various bits of coursework and preparing for the tests.

English:



This term the children have chosen *The Outsiders* as the theme book to inspire our reading, writing and speaking and listening skills and to produce our final pieces to submit for the exams. SE Hinton was a young student herself when she wrote this American classic on themes of identity, the Individual versus the group, heroism, Innocence, experience, family, media influence, and crisis. Although it was written many years ago, the themes remain current and are particularly relevant for our year 11s who are growing up, thinking of who they want to be and what they hold important. Pupils also watch the film version of the story with Tom Cruise in one of his first ever films - check out the teeth!

PE

This half term they will be practicing their cross country race that will be happening on the 8th February. They will also be playing handball and touchball.



RSHE

The topic is long term relationships and parenthood. Students will learn about feelings and responsibilities.

Other subjects:

Art and Textiles

This half term we are creating linocut prints pop art and then move onto our Art and Textiles From Other Cultures unit of work. We begin with Aboriginal inspired Batik pictures and then create our own block printed Adinkra fabric which we make summer shorts from.

Independent Living

Throughout the Autumn term we have been focusing on Post-16 education, exploring courses, colleges, the application process and taking part in mock interviews. Next half term the focus shifts to that of budgeting and cooking for a household. This will involve planning, budgeting and then cooking 3 low cost, healthy meals.

Other useful information

Pupils all have access to IXL personalised learning platform which they can use to practice their Maths and English skills at home and at school.

<https://uk.ixl.com/>



Just a reminder that school lunch menus have changed.