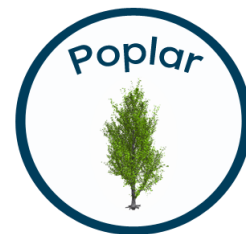




# Poplar Newsletter

## Spring Term 2 2023-24



### Upcoming Diary Dates:

World Book Day  
(Upper Phase)  
Tue 5th March

Red Nose Day -  
Fri 15th March

Cromer Pier  
Show

Plastic Pirates -  
Wed 20th March



### General Class News:

This half term Poplar class we be starting to prepare themselves for their final expedition. They will be looking at things such as what they would like to eat and also planning routes in their teams ready for them to use.

A few of Poplar will also be going on the Cross country trip on 14th March.

Sports leaders have been working really hard, working with the younger students in PE and keeping them motivated. I look forward to seeing this more this half term.

### Maths:

Students are now in the home straight heading towards the submission of work and for some sitting formal examinations.

Lessons will include practice test work and revision sessions on topics needing more teaching. There will be coursework to complete for some.

### English:

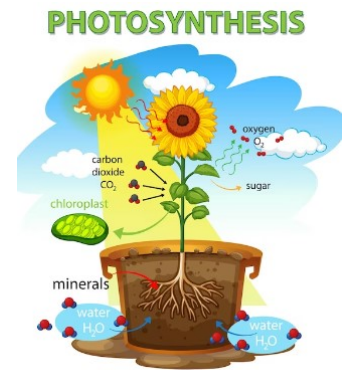
This term we are reading *The Outsiders*, a gritty story about teenage gangs set in 1960's America. This classic young adult novel is remarkable in its portrayal of love, friendship, belonging and murder. It has already inspired some fabulous writing and I can't wait to see their presentation task which will be submitted for the Edexcel exam. As well as creative writing, we will concentrate on improving spelling and grammar and continue with guided reading to prepare for the two reading tests. I can't be more pleased with their effort and motivation - well done Year 11! And yes, there are some very young famous stars in the film!

## RSHE

We will be looking at different ways relationships can be ended and explore feelings that this could cause and strategies for coping with this. We will continue with our written work which will be extended by our mature, respectful and enlightening class discussions.

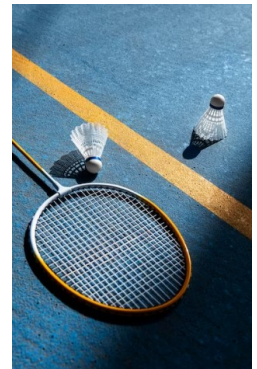
## Science

The students will continue working towards their ELC qualification. We will be completing their various bits of coursework and preparing for the tests. The students will cover topics such as photosynthesis, the conditions required for plants to grow and then use this information to carry out an investigation and analyse their findings.



## PE

Students will be moving onto learning the rules and techniques to serve, forehand, backhand and volley in Badminton. They will also build on previous learning for Volleyball by focusing on keeping the ball in the air using the dig and set shot techniques. They will try out some Gymnastics/ Aerobics type activities using different equipment.



## Other subjects:

### Topic – Islam

We will continue with our understanding of Islam. We will be focusing on beliefs, places of worship, and special books that Muslims study. We will also be looking at food, clothing and Islamic celebration.

### DofE

Pupils will be trying to plan their own routes for the final expedition and preparing food, finding out what food they may like to take with them