

Poplar News (3.5.19)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our English focus this week has been on reading our new model text as a reader, which involves discussing the vocabulary, answering comprehension questions and conducting a book talk to discuss the things we like, dislike and any unanswered questions that we have. We then dug deeper into the story setting by identifying the author's use of descriptive phrases before using pictures to create our own similes and expanded noun phrases. This week's spelling focus is words with the short /u/ sound spelt with 'o' (mother, other) and our word of the week is grotesque. In maths, we have worked very hard on equivalent fractions, comparing fractions, ordering fractions and adding fractions with the same denominator that add up to less than one. We used paper strips and fraction bars to help us identify that the larger the denominator the smaller the fraction.

In topic we combined history and geography - through the use of maps and atlases - to create a timeline for the growth of the Roman Empire between 800 BC and 305 AD. In addition, we researched why the Romans wanted new roads in Britain. We sketched plants, labelled them and explained the role of each part during this week's science lesson. We then observed plants on the school field during our Golden Mile walk and discussed the parts that we could see.

Please be aware that we have a practical pizza making workshop next Thursday morning. Norse catering will provide all the ingredients and teach the children how to make their own pizza from scratch. The children will then enjoy their creations for lunch and will, therefore, not require a packed lunch or school dinner. However, if your child doesn't like pizza please make lunch arrangements as normal. I hope you all have a great Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr Paull, Mrs Whiting and all in Poplar Class.

Key Dates:

Pizza workshop (including lunch) - 9th May Spring fayre - 17th May

Dress as you like for Tombola prizes - 10th May

Achievement assembly - 10th May

Spring fayre - 17th May