

# Poplar News (1.2.19)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our week started with the children undertaking their new early work carousel, which takes place before 0915 every morning.

The children work through a series of activities, including pre-guided reading, guided reading, reading comprehension cards, spellings and a SPAG mat. This week's English word of the week is petrified. The children learnt the meaning first and then came up with synonyms, before creating their own sentences. Using three powerful verbs to create action in their writing has been our English focus this week. In maths, the children have been dividing two digit numbers by a one digit number using bead strings and number lines. Remainder is our maths word of the week and the children had the opportunity to solve division calculations that included some. Additionally, the children also learnt how to use bar models to help them solve scaling problems.

Following last week's investigation planning, the children worked in groups to carry out their fair tests. They collected results on the amount of force needed to move a toy vehicle on different surfaces and then used these to explain their findings and answer their previous predictions. During this week's history lessons the children designed and drew their own Bronze Age pottery. In geography, they continued their work on Extreme Earth through the use of models and diagrams to discover what is under our feet. This week's spelling focus is adding the prefix mis- to create words with a negative meaning (misspell, misread). Our current RE focus is Islam and this week we have been learning about Wudu and its importance to Muslims. In closing, I would just like to mention that our spring term Family Café is taking place next Thursday afternoon and I hope as many of you as possible can join us. Have a great weekend!

Mr Paull, Mrs Whiting and all in Poplar Class.

**Key Dates:** Year 3 family café - 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 3 achievement assembly - 15<sup>th</sup> February

PTA meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> February