

Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely half term break and are ready for the second half. We are looking forward to our topic of superheroes and can't wait to learn about fictional characters and real-life superheroes that help us every day!

It has been so lovely to see so many of you using Tapestry to share your children's learning and experiences. We hope that you continue to do this over the next term!

If you are unsure of anything, we are always happy to answer any questions you have on Dojo!

Key Dates

Monday 2 November - Term 2 begins

Wednesday 4 November - 1pm Initial family learning session

Thursday 5 November - Flu vaccinations

Friday 6th November – Dress up like a fictional superhero

Wednesday 11 November - 3.30-6pm Parents' evening

Thursday 12 November - 5-7pm Parents' evening

Friday 13 November - Children in Need Day

Monday 16 November - Geography awareness week

Monday 16 November - Anti-bullying week

Friday 27th November – Dress up like a real-life super hero

Monday 30 November - Tree planting project week

Tuesday 1 December - Bring a bauble day

Wednesday 9 December - Final family learning session

Friday 11 December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 17 December - Last day of term 2

The Poplar Promise

This term we will be continuing to share with the children The Poplar Promise.

At Poplar Farm School we promote our curriculum and ethos through The Poplar Promise, which is taught to the children, and referred to in lessons, learning questions, dojo points and assemblies.

We value the way in which all children are unique and our curriculum promotes respect for the views of each individual child, as well as for people of all cultures. We value the rights of every child in our society. We respect each child in our school for who they are and we treat them with fairness and honesty. We endeavour to enable each child to be successful and we provide equal opportunities for all in our school. We value our environment and we aim, through our curriculum, to instil a sense of understanding and responsibility for our world and how that will impact on future generations as well as our own.

THE POPLAR PROMISE

At Poplar Farm School we are:

Problem solvers

Open minded and curious

Positive and independent

Loved and nurtured

Accepting of all

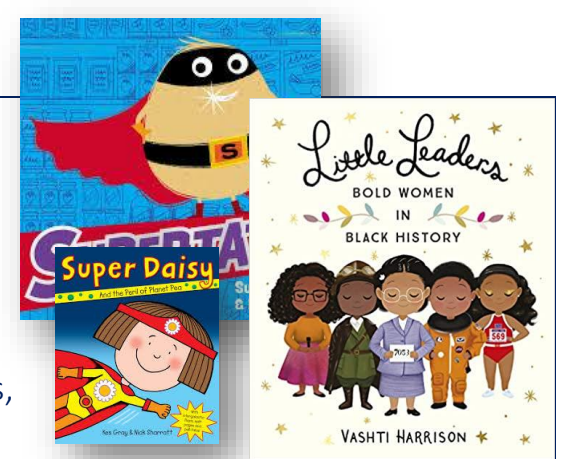
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Topic

Our topic work will centre around the stories we will be reading as part of our Literacy. Our key topic texts this term are Super potato, Super Pea, Super Daisy, Little Leaders and as we approach Christmas, The Nativity and The Jolly Christmas Postman.

We will have lots of challenges relating to superheroes and our key texts. These include; thinking about what makes us super, making potions outside to give us super powers, designing and making traps and investigating to help to find evil pea. As we get closer to Christmas, we will be making Christmas Cards and writing letters to loved ones.



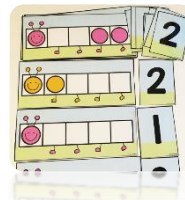
Literacy

- In phonics groups, we will continue to learn our Set 1 sounds as well as starting on some of our trickier set 2 sounds. Some children will be starting to read ditties and Read Write Inc stories to help support their reading development.
- In class we will be exploring writing lots of labels and captions, as well as creating story maps linked with The Jolly Christmas Postman and Supertato.
- We will be continuing to take part in helicopter stories to aid communication and language development and support story telling skills.



Maths

- Children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of the number system, focusing on number recognition of numbers up to 5, ordering and writing numbers.
- We will be developing their understanding of addition and subtraction through the part, part, whole model and 5 frames.
- They will use 2D and 3D shapes to create models and pictures related to our topic.



Children will learn to use a wide range of apparatus and use both standard and non-standard units when measuring.

Home learning

- Read, read, read!! If you have read one of your child's reading books or they've read a bed time story, please fill in the reading records, we love to read your comments. Any home learning can be shared with us using tapestry – we really do love to see what you have been up to at home!
- Create a police station, fire station or hospital to help others. Can you add signs, make name tags and count and order all the vehicles?
- Play matching games to match the people who help us to the correct job, outfit or vehicles.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about Celebrating Difference by including others when working and playing, trying to solve problems, using kind words and knowing how to use and give compliments.

