

Supporting your child's work at home - Summer 2016

In Upper Key Stage 2 - Poplars, Larches, Maples and Cedars - we follow a syllabus broadly based on the new National Curriculum, carefully adapted to the needs of the children.

Literacy - We follow a skills based Literacy curriculum which concentrates on speaking and listening, writing skills and reading - incorporating both whole-word and phonic skills.

- Support your child with their weekly spellings
- Hear your child read their home reader every week, preferably 3 times per week.
- Enjoy sharing your child's library book with them and encourage them to recall key information
- Tell us about their weekend and holiday activities so we can talk and write about their 'News' in school
- Encourage your child to complete activities with clear steps which may be recalled (e.g. wrapping a present, getting ready for bed, making a sandwich, etc.)
- Visit www.topmarks.co.uk (select 'Learning Games' and then 'English')

Numeracy - We focus on the following key areas of mathematics, which include number skills, shape space and measure, data handling and problem solving using mathematical knowledge.

- Practice recognising, counting, and ordering numbers regularly and explore number patterns such as counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Support your child with telling the time
- Provide real-life experiences of handling money
- Be 'shape detectives' around your home and the surrounding area
- Join 'The Great British Bake Off' and enable your child to experience measuring out ingredients for a real purpose
- Visit www.topmarks.co.uk (select 'Learning Games' and then 'Maths')

Science - We will be looking at "electricity - investigating "circuits", "light and shadows, the eye", "forces e.g. gravity"

- Replace batteries when needed with adult supervision.
- On sunny days, play games with your shadow in the garden
- Watching what happens as you let items go and fall e.g. during playing ball games
- Watch related bbc class-clips
- Visit www.topmarks.co.uk (select 'Learning Games' and then "science")

Topic ideas for you - "Ancient Greece / Olympics"

- Find out about other countries taking part in the Olympics
- Find out how to say hello in different languages
- Visit a travel agent
- Your child will have an Olympic flag or mascot (e.g. teddy with sash and hat) for you to take to different places
- Find out about different sports - <http://www.rio2016.com/en/sports>
- Learn a new sport/ get fit
- Time yourself doing some exercise e.g. running around the garden. Repeat it the next day- can you beat it?
- Discuss positions in games e.g. 1st 2nd 3rd etc
- Design an Olympic poster
- Make an Olympic medal
- In preparation for our **World Religious Celebration Days (29th April)**- send in photos of your places of worship.