

Thank you for all of your support at home with learning lines for our Nativity: Lights, Camel, Action. Please can you continue to rehearse at home so that children learn their lines off by heart, know who speaks before them and who speaks after them. They really need to know them by this Monday (20th) because we'll be rehearsing regularly and performing on Tuesday 5th December. It might help to highlight their words on their script.

This week in Poplar Class we have been:

- Learning about anti-bullying. We've read the story "Two Monsters" by David McKee and thought about how we are equal and how we are different to others in our class. We've also found out that if someone isn't being nice to us (physically eg hitting or with their words eg saying nasty things) that we have to tell an adult so they can help us sort out the problem
- Learning about 2D shapes. We've been naming shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, pentagon, hexagon, heptagon, octagon) and finding out their properties (how many sides/corners). Year 1 went on a shape hunt to find shapes in school – we found lots! We've also made shape monsters using 2D shapes and counted how many of each shape we used.
- Writing descriptive sentences about the monster we invented and descriptive sentences about the setting/monster habitat we have chosen for our story– we drew these and made them from natural materials
- Year 2 are learning to use coordination (and, or, but) and subordination (because) to extend sentences
- Year 1 have been learning to spell tricky words (words that cannot be sounded out using phonics – please see the tricky word mat for examples)
- Continuing to learn the songs and their dance moves for our nativity

To support your child at home you could:

- You have a copy of the phase 3 and 5 phonic sounds and tricky words (word that cannot be sounded out to read) in your child's book bag. The tricky words are also on bookmarks. Please use these to support daily reading at home. **Thank you for all of your support with listening to your child read at home – this is making a huge difference to their progress and love of reading.**
- Learn lines for the nativity – please 😊
- Continue to learn about 2D shapes. Can you find shapes at home? How do you know that it is a (square)?

Useful dates

Watermill Theatre – Wednesday 29th November

Oak and Poplar Nativity – Tuesday 5th December

Stay and Play – Thursday 14th December

Please keep checking our 'Poplar class' page on the website for photos/ updates of what we have been learning about! <http://www.st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk/category/poplar/>