

**Thank you for all of your support at home with learning lines for the nativity and thank you for all of your lovely replies to your child's invitation. The children have loved hearing these read out in class – it gives a real purpose for writing when they get a reply, thank you. Please continue to rehearse lines at home and try saying the words loudly, clearly and with expression. 😊**

This week in Poplar Class we have been:

- In Maths, Year 1 are counting objects in steps of 2 and 10
- In Maths, Year 2 are learning to divide by sharing objects and continuing to count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10
- In Spelling, Year 2 have been improving their stories that they have written about their adventures with Moz the Monster (the new John Lewis advert)
- In Phonics, group 2 have been continuing to learn the phase 5 sounds - wh, ph, ew, oe and tricky words – said, asked, have, could, like, so. Group 1 have been learning the phase 3 sounds ai, ee, igh, oa and tricky words - the, was, go, to, I, no.
- learning to colour beautifully – really taking our time to focus on colouring in the lines, filling in the gaps so there are no white parts and sharpening the pencil when it needs it
- Designing Christmas cards
- Practising handwriting daily – we are now working on forming capital letters correctly
- watching Strictly Come Dancing to inspire us for our nativity and rehearsing lots. We cannot wait to show you all next week! Please get tickets if you haven't already 😊

To support your child at home you could:

- Listen to your child read their reading book every day and ask them questions about their reading after (this shouldn't take longer than 10 minutes). Remember to keep filling in the bookmark – just ask if you need a new one. Please continue to fill in the reading records so I know when your child needs to change their book. Thank you.
- Write a reply to your child's Nativity invitation and ask them to bring it in to school – if you haven't already
- Look at the Poplar Class page on the website and ask your child about their learning
- Do some colouring – really focusing on taking the time to colour beautifully by colouring in the lines and filling the gaps under the colouring so there are no white parts

### Useful dates

Oak and Poplar Nativity – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Stay and Play – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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/>