



Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome back to a new year at school! It is such an exciting year for us, and hopefully a slightly more normal one too. I'm very much looking forward to welcoming the children back and settling in to our new classroom. As always, if you have any questions or would like a chat/meeting then we can arrange something after school or email our class email poplar.3260@st-blaise.oxon.sch.uk

Term 1A

Just as a reminder, for the start of term please can all children have a water bottle and any items of clothing need to be named. Any spare clothes you wish to bring in for your child can be kept in class all term and sent home whenever needed.

This year, Poplar will be having sessions in the science garden on Friday afternoons. I don't anticipate us becoming messy every week but we are asking children to have a spare set of clothes and wellies so we can be prepared to go outside whatever the weather!

Our topic this term is called Dungeons and Dragons! Our learning organiser is available on our class page for you to have a look at and see what the children are learning this term. We are hoping to plan a morning trip close to October half term so you will receive letters and information when this is confirmed.

Homework

All homework will be uploaded onto Google Classroom, please let me know if you would prefer a homework book and paper copies.

We will have our usual homework menu for across the term where you can choose to complete any or all of the activities and share what you have created. Each week, children will also receive phonics or spellings to practise at home. This is so you know what they have been learning this week but also provides an opportunity to reinforce their learning. Maths activities will be sent out when appropriate. This term, any phonics/spellings and maths will be sent out on a Thursday and if we could have anything returned or handed in by the following Wednesday please.

Reading

Please continue to read with your children as much as possible at home and we will continue to do the same at school. We will change children's books weekly,



however we can only do this when previous books have been brought back in. In Poplar class children have their reading journals for you to jot down some notes and also a bookmark which can be dated and signed by any adult each time they have read. These are handed out and shared in celebration assemblies when completed.

We look forward to a wonderful term in Poplar class!

Miss Pimm and the Poplar team.