

# Poppy Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas. I was very proud of the children's amazing signing to our Christmas song 'Jingle Bells'. The recording is on our school website if you have not yet seen it. We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school.

## Topic

Our new topic is 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. We will begin our topic with a 'Wow' day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, where the children will enjoy exploring different mixtures and substances. This is not Mrs Gleeson's favourite topic, as it can be very messy...but the children love it! We will be playing with liquids, squishing dough, pouring, patting, mixing and stirring. Our text this half term is Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. The children will have the opportunity to create their own marvellous potions and recipes. 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' is a fun, creative topic, which offers many art and design opportunities. Please see the class page on the website for further information and home learning ideas.

## Homework

Please continue to read regularly with your child. Regular practice really does make a huge impact on confidence and ability. The children have made great progress with their reading since September. Reading is a vital skill and allows children to access the whole curriculum.

Phonics homework is added weekly to our class page on the school website. Please try to complete this homework each week.

Topic homework will also be added to our class page on the website, each half term. The home learning ideas are there for your child to choose which activities they would like to complete. Please can your child bring in a piece of their topic homework to share with the class on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## Covid Guidance

Please can I remind parents / carers that children are not to bring any non-essential items into school. The children only need to bring their school bag, reading book, reading record, drinking bottle and any essential clothing.

## Star of the Week

Each week, we choose a member of our class to be 'Star of the Week'. They are chosen for many different reasons, and it is always hard to choose just one child! Our star of the week is encouraged to bring a special item from home, that they want to share with the class. Only that child will touch the item and it will be kept in their school bag. This is a good opportunity for the children to talk in a large group and answer questions from the other children.

## PE

PE lessons will continue to be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. We will have our PE lessons outside, when the weather allows. Please can your children come to school in appropriate clothing for outdoor PE.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me on

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Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Fletcher