

# Poplar News (10.5.19)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to those of you who joined us for this afternoon's achievement assembly. The 8 times table song has been a great way of learning these challenging multiplication facts. We hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did!

We had a fantastic day during yesterday with the NORSE catering team. Our pizza workshop began with a presentation about healthy eating before we were split into four groups. We then had the opportunity to create our own pizza from scratch, which included kneading dough, applying sauces, chopping ingredients and selecting our toppings. After that, our creations were put in the oven and cooked in time for a tasty lunch!

Our English focus this week has been on creating toolkits for writing settings. First, we discussed Bimwili's journey from the forest to the sea through a series of pictures. Next, we used adjectives, similes and our senses to describe her journey. Finally, we selected our favourite sentences and combined them together to produce settings full of description that would allow the reader to picture where the story was set. This week's spelling focus is words with the short /u/ sound spelt with 'ou' (enough, cousin) and our word of the week is vibrant. In maths, we learnt how to subtract fractions with the same denominator using bar models and pictorial representations. We then finished our sequence of lessons on fractions by undertaking an end of block assessment.

In topic we combined history and geography - through the use of maps and atlases - to plot the major roads built by the Romans in Britain. Our PSHE lesson focused on self-esteem. We learnt how to give and receive compliments, and how we can use them to improve the self-esteem of others and ourselves. I would like to close by thanking you all for your tombola donations and I look forward to seeing you all next Friday at our spring fayre. Best wishes for the weekend ahead.

Mr Paull, Mrs Whiting and all in Poplar Class.

## Key Dates:

Spring fayre - 17<sup>th</sup> May

PTA ice-lolly sale - 24<sup>th</sup> May