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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a great week. This term's curriculum map (with more information about topics covered) can be found on our website on the 'curriculum' tab, then 'curriculum overview'.

This Week

This week, the children have been finding out about renewable and non-renewable energy in science lessons. This has also linked well with geography where they have been learning about how to be more sustainable in everyday life. The children have also really enjoyed the year 5 harvest assembly and have worked really well in English creating settings that create tension and suspense for the reader.

Next Half Term

In maths, we will be continuing with work in our maths sets focusing on identified objectives. You could support at home by asking your child about what they are learning in lessons and encourage them to be involved in real-life maths at home such as reading scales, calculating money, talking about time.

In science, we will be starting our learning about classification of living things and will be focusing on how to identify living organisms. In history, we will be starting work on our history topic about Ancient Greece by finding out about when the ancient Greek civilisations were and where Greece is on the map.

Homework

Next week's homework (after half-term) will be based on reading comprehension and maths homework will be assigned by the teacher of each set and is related to the work that the children are doing. Homework will be handed out on a Tuesday and returned the following Monday.

Please encourage your child to use times tables rockstars regularly to improve their fluency with multiplication.

Reading

Please ensure your child's Reading Record is signed by an adult. Children should be reading every evening for at least 15 minutes and, where possible, to an adult. All books can be changed during the class Library Session.

Extended Project

This half term's extended project is autobiographies and will help children to develop their writing skills. We would like the children to bring in their work so far on Wednesday 4th November so that we can check their progress.

Notices and Reminders

Please check your child's pencil case with them over half term. Many children are short of a black (frixion style) pen and glue sticks. Year 6 children do a lot of writing so a few refills for the pens would also be helpful for them. Thank you for your support with this.

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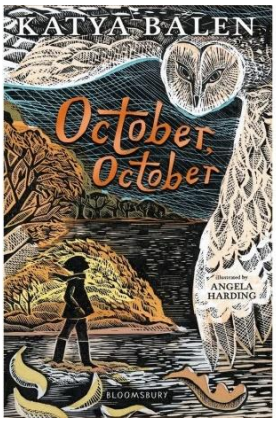
Secondary school applications

A reminder that the deadline for applications to be submitted is **31st October.**

Reminders/deadlines/ key dates for next week				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Poplar - PE Pine - PE	Pine - Library	Poplar - PE Pine - PE Year 6 – Bring in autobiography work to be checked	Poplar – Library	Poplar - PE Pine - PE

Book Recommendation

This week's book recommendation is 'October October' by Katya Balen.



This beautifully written book was winner of the Carnegie medal and is a feast for the senses, filled with the woodsmoke smell of crisp autumn mornings and the sound of wellies squelching in river mud.

October and her dad live in the woods. They know the trees and the rocks and the lake and stars like best friends. They live in the woods and they are wild. And that's the way it is.

Until the year October turns eleven. That's the year October rescues a baby owl. It's the year Dad falls out of the biggest tree in their woods. The year the woman who calls herself October's mother comes back. The year everything changes.

Upcoming dates

Monday 2nd November	**Training Day (no children)**
Monday 3rd November	Children return to school
Friday 6th November	Individual photographs
Friday 6th November	Hockey Competition - afternoon
Friday 13th November	Children In Need Day
Saturday 14th November	Choir Sing at Ruislip Manor Christmas Funday
Thursday 19th November	Sports Hall Athletics Competition
Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th Nov	Travelling Book Fair Days
Thursday 19th November	Art Frames Exhibition

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Wednesday 25th November	Virtual Author visit for Years 5 and 6
Monday 30th November	Year 6 Trip to the Science Museum
Monday 7th December	Choir visit to Poplars Care Home
Thursday 10th December	Year 6 Height and Weight Check
Thursday 10th December	PTA Christmas Fayre – timings TBC
Friday 11th December	Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December	Autumn term report cards out to parents/carers
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 18th December	**School term ends at 12:30pm**

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Lawrence and Miss Bryant

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