

Junior Bulletin



What a topsy-turvy term! Thank you for your continued support; we know that many of you (and your children) will be finding the uncertainty and anxiety around Covid a lot to manage on top of 'normal life stuff' so we do hope you are going easy on yourselves and reducing the pressure where possible.

This term's value is friendship so some assemblies have been focussed on why friendship is important to some, how you can be a good friend and what to look out for in others.



If you don't already, please have a look for us on Twitter where you'll see lots of the lovely things the children get up to here at school! We aren't able to share every single wonderful thing that happens as (you won't be at all surprised to hear) there are just so many. Instead, we share amazing work and quotes over on Twitter. We'll tell the children if we do that and they can tell you - with pride!



Curriculum

Our curriculum has had a huge overhaul in recent years - thinking about what we want Polehampton children to experience and why. More information will be coming to you about this in the new year. Teachers have worked together, across both the juniors and infants, to make sure we are covering everything we need to, doing it in an order which is effective and has the most impact and that children are getting the experiences, skills and knowledge that might not be explicit in the national curriculum. Your children's knowledge organisers are at home with you and are a great way to familiarise yourself and your child with what they are learning about in school.

Reading

Please keep reading with your children and *listening to them read!* The timetable here at school is the most packed it has ever been and so it is crucial that children continue to read at home as we might not be able to listen to them in school as much as we would like.

Communication

- ❖ We endeavour to respond to emails and calls within 48 hours and appreciate your patience with this.
- ❖ Please let us know if you aren't getting things via the admin email address.
- ❖ Please always prebook conversations or meetings; we are unable to facilitate adhoc conversations. We would also request that parents give information regarding what they wish to talk about
- ❖ A reminder that you should always speak to your child's class teacher first – they know your child best!

To continue with our racial equity work in school; another book we would recommend is

Black and British (A Forgotten History) by David Olugusa

Or, for children:

Black and British (A Short Essential History) also by David Olugusa

The last book we recommended was:

Wish We Knew What to Say: Talking with Children About Race by Dr. Pragya Agarwal

If you are unable to buy/loan this for yourself but would be interested in reading it, please contact the school. Or, if you would like any other book recommendations, please get in touch!



Another Reminder: Remote learning is only available for those isolating for COVID related absence. We are unable to give out work for any other absence.

Enjoy the build up to Christmas!

Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalf