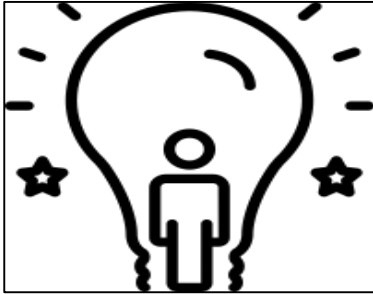


Focus of the week~ Epiphany



Dear Families,

A remote welcome to all although we cannot see you or your child at this time in person I know the majority of you have joined in with your daily zooms and connected with each other and learning once more.

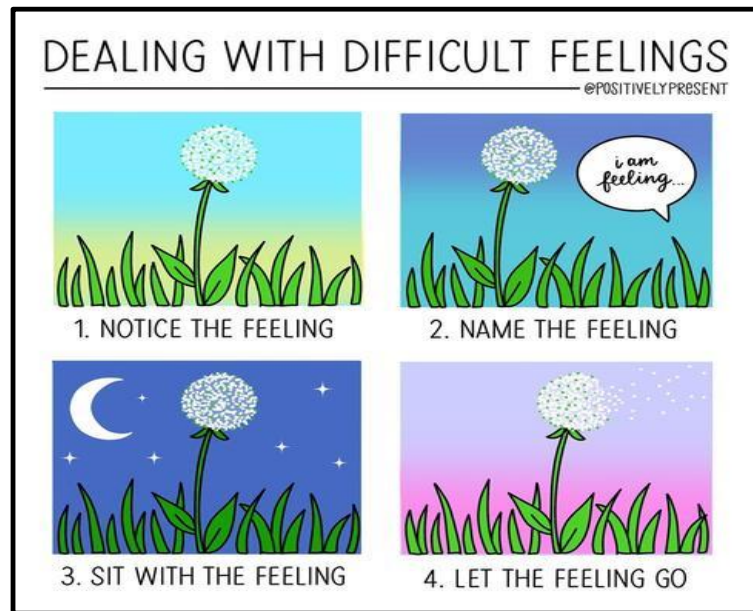
We are doing things a little differently this time with a class daily zoom, explaining the learning for the day that is all in your child's google classroom. We have set a timetable, to give us all more structure as to when to complete lessons. We expect pupils to join in, complete their learning and communicate with their class teacher via google or yourselves via emails. Staff are delivering what the children will have got in school, as wide a curriculum as possible so the children will not have delivery gaps upon returning.

The onsite offer is the same as the remote, hence class teachers are focusing on getting clear instruction to all. A few families have emailed if unable to connect and this has also been picked up by the daily calls if you haven't joined in. Do let your class teacher and Rachel Sablon know if you are experiencing difficulties.

It is with deep sadness that I report to you the death of a local Headteacher, Mr Nick Hague at Marner. As Poplar Schools we all work together on many teaching and learning areas and it is shocking that he passed during the Christmas period after closing the school due to levels of Covid including in staff. Mr Hague, was an incredibly lovely, warm, caring human being who will be greatly missed by the education community in Tower Hamlets.

Sadly, he was not the only person, as Sylvie Hogan, a teaching assistant who had been at Bygrove for over 25 years also passed away this Christmas. I know you will join me in prayer for both the families and school communities.

As we celebrate Epiphany, we all need light at this bleak time, the light of Jesus' love, the light of love for one another and the kindness that means so much. We take only what we need and give all we can. Staff once more are amazing in their commitment and willingness to be their purpose, to come in, to offer help when the numbers of cases and deaths increase dramatically. I wish you all a safe time, being lockdown physically but not in spirit or in our care and connection. Most of all, with joy for our children and their growth. Stay safe. Mrs Smith



We highly recommend the Chatterbox website which has a range of activities including virtual webcams and tours, of puppies, kittens, live animal cams and an online learning area, a geography, history and nature section and many more. Please [click here](#) to check it out!