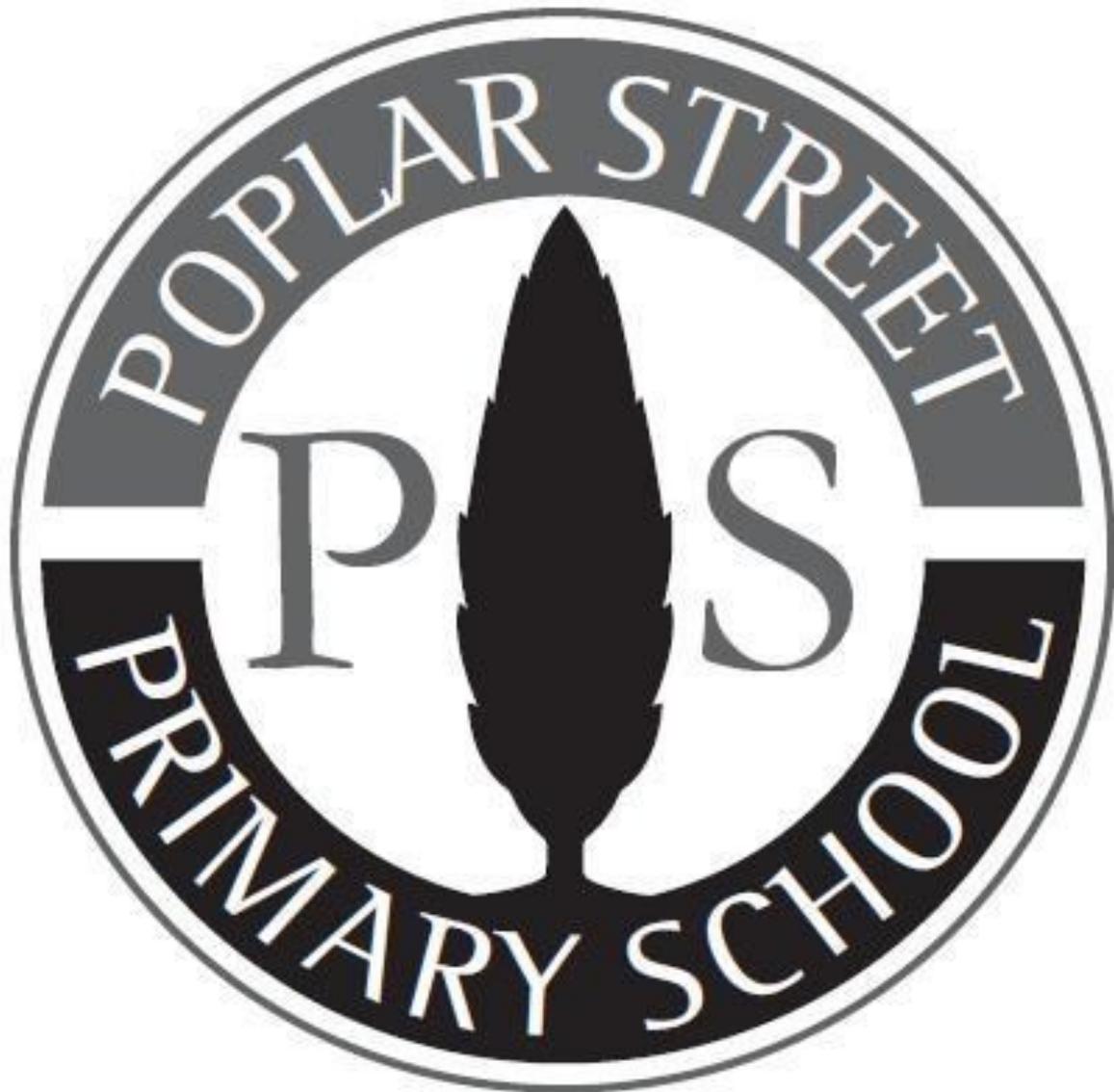


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Year 4

Autumn Term - 2020-2021

'Working together - Aiming high.'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here are some details about the topics we will enjoy until the Christmas holidays.

Autumn A - The Amazon Rainforest

In this topic, we will learn about the plants and animals found in the Amazon rainforest, including issues surrounding deforestation and conservation. This will link to our science topic, where we will look at grouping and classifying living things. We will use Andy Warhol as inspiration for our animal-themed art work and also create Amazonian headdresses in our design and technology work. In maths, we will be looking at place value, rounding and the use of Roman numerals. In English, we will be writing a non-chronological report about the Amazon rainforest, a persuasive letter about deforestation and an explanation text about how to survive in the jungle.

Autumn B - Mythical Creatures

In this topic, we will learn about mythological creatures, including where they lived. We will be creating our own dragon eggs and learning about states of matter. In maths, we will be looking at using formal column addition and subtraction, finding perimeter and dividing numbers by 10 and 100. In English, we will be writing a play script based on How to Train your Dragon and a description to go with a mythical creature wanted poster.



School Uniform

Please could we ask that you label all your children's clothing (including PE kit, coats and footwear) clearly with their name and class, if you have not done so already. This will help us to ensure that children do not lose their belongings in school. We also ask that long hair is tied up for school.

PE

PE will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Children must come to school wearing their PE kit for their assigned PE day. Their kit should include a plain white t-shirt, plain dark-coloured shorts and trainers (not pumps). You may also provide your child with some dark-coloured jogging trousers for outdoor sessions. All children must have their earrings removed on their PE day, and have long hair tied back.

Swimming

Mr Taylor's class will start their school swimming programme on Thursday 10th September which will run every Thursday thereafter until Christmas. Swimming lessons are taught at Tameside Wellness Centre - Denton. Girls need a one piece swimming costume (no bikinis) and boys need swimming trunks or shorts above the knee (no long shorts). If your child has long hair, a swimming cap is needed. Please remember to remove any earrings before lessons.

Snacks

We offer water for all to drink. We encourage children to bring in their own water bottle which they can have access to throughout the day. We also offer milk and snacks but these come with a charge. Please see the school office for further details regarding this. Children can bring their own **healthy** snack into school to eat during the morning break.



What to do if you need to speak to us:

If you need to speak to us, please send a message using Class Dojo. There is also a brief opportunity to speak to us at the end of the school day. Please note that for any absences, the school office must be informed.

Homework

Times Tables Rockstars

Times tables homework will be set on this website every Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. Children are expected to complete at least 10 minutes each week on *Garage*. Website: www.ttrockstars.com

Spellings

Spellings will be sent out every Friday and will be tested on the following Friday.

Learning Logs

Before each new topic, children are asked to complete their own research every half term. Please see the inside cover of your child's Learning Log for more information. The next research homework will be set on Friday 23rd October and will be due back in Monday 2nd November.

Reading

Children are expected to read at home at least five times a week. This should be recorded in their yellow Reading Log, then signed and dated by yourself. Reading Logs will be checked every day. Pupils also have access to Read Theory - this website is designed to help improve your child's comprehension using short texts. We would expect this to be completed at least once every week. Website: www.readtheory.org

I Am Learning

One piece of English work will be set every Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. Website: www.iamlearning.co.uk

All usernames and passwords for websites can be found on the inside cover of your child's Reading Log. We would advise that you take a photograph of this page incase it is lost.

The Teaching Team

Teachers: Mr Taylor, Miss Patel and Mx G

Teaching assistants: Mrs Spence and Miss Harford

