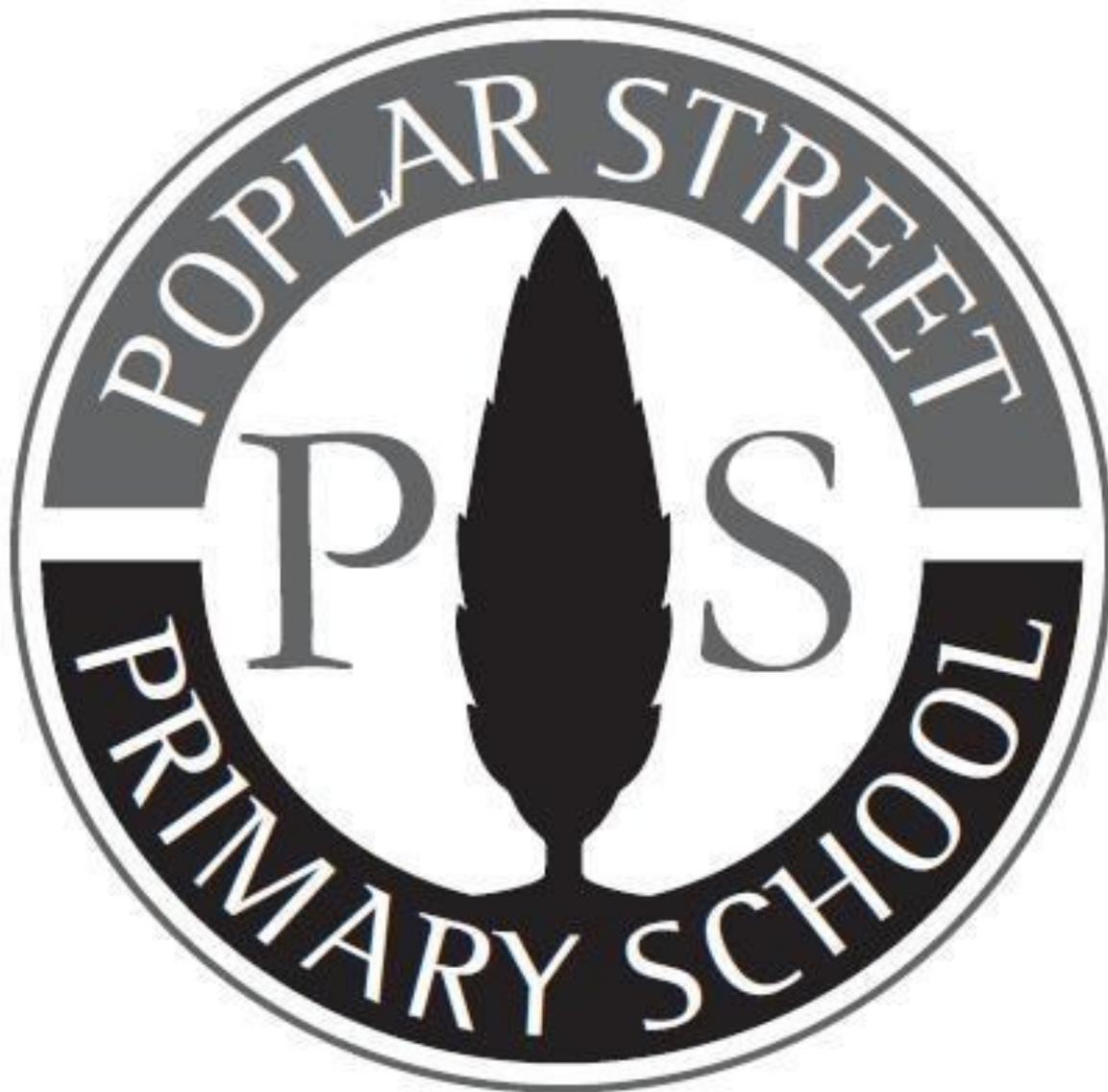


Poppy Post



Year 2

'Working together-aiming high.'

Welcome to this term's newsletter.

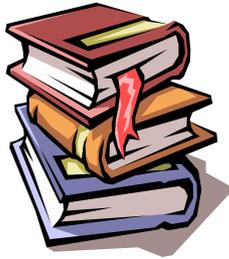
Dear Parents /Carers,

During the autumn term, we will be following two themes: **Into the woods** and **Famous Historical People**. In the first half term, we will be investigating what it is like to travel through the woods; looking carefully at what we might see, hear, smell and feel. In Geography we will be exploring the UK and its surrounding seas and then moving on to exploring the Arctic and Antarctica. In Science we will be learning about plants, animals and their habitats.



After the half term break, we will be learning about the lives of famous people in history who have helped us in different ways, including Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In Music, we will be exploring rhythms using percussion instruments and in Art we will be studying famous artists and using water colours to create some pieces.

Reading:



At the moment, Year 2 will change their RWI reading books on Mondays only and their other reading book on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays if they wish to. We would be grateful if you could listen to them read, ask them questions about the books and help them with any problems they have. Please sign their reading diary every time you hear your child read. Children receive class dojo rewards for reading their books. Children may bring home books they have previously read or keep books for a whole week. This is to build their reading confidence and fluency.

PE

Currently, **all** year 2 children have PE on a **Thursday**. Each class will also have yoga **every other Tuesday**. To keep the cloakrooms clear and clutter-free, children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE/Yoga day. They can wear joggers and their jumper over the top so they don't get cold. All children **must** have their earrings removed on their PE day. Please bear in mind that we are not able to remove them or to cover them with plasters.



Homework:

Year 2 children will receive weekly English homework which needs to be practiced at home regularly as it is linked to our learning in English lessons. There will be **no** spelling tests carried out, instead we will assess the use of their spellings in their independent writing, so it is really important that they have lots of exposure to these words at home and in school.

The expectation for the end of Year 2 is for all children to know their 2's, 5's and 10's times tables in and out of order and the corresponding division facts. A great way to practise these is using Times Tables Rock Stars. We will begin with the 10 times table to ease the children back into using the program.

Snack money:

Fruit is free in Year 2. We offer water for all to drink, or children can bring a bottle to school with them. We do offer milk, which must be paid for via Parent-Pay.

Future dates:

Friday 22nd October— Break up for half term

Monday 1st November— Back to school

Wednesday 3rd November - Flu vaccination day

Week beginning 8th November—assessment week

Friday 17th December— School finishes for Christmas

Tuesday 4th January— INSET day

Wednesday 5th January— Children back to school



School uniform:

We have an ever growing collection of lost property in school. 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.

What to do should you need to speak to us:

Sending a message via Classdojo is the quickest way to get in touch with your class teacher. Alternatively, a member of Year 2 staff will be available everyday at the Year 2 entrance from 8:45 to pass on any messages or queries you may have.

Do you have any talents or skills that
you could share ?

Come and join our Poplar Street family
and be part of your child's education.

Can you:-

Help hear readers?

Are you creative?

Can you tell stories?

Are you enthusiastic?



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact Mrs Frost at

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If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to speak to us.