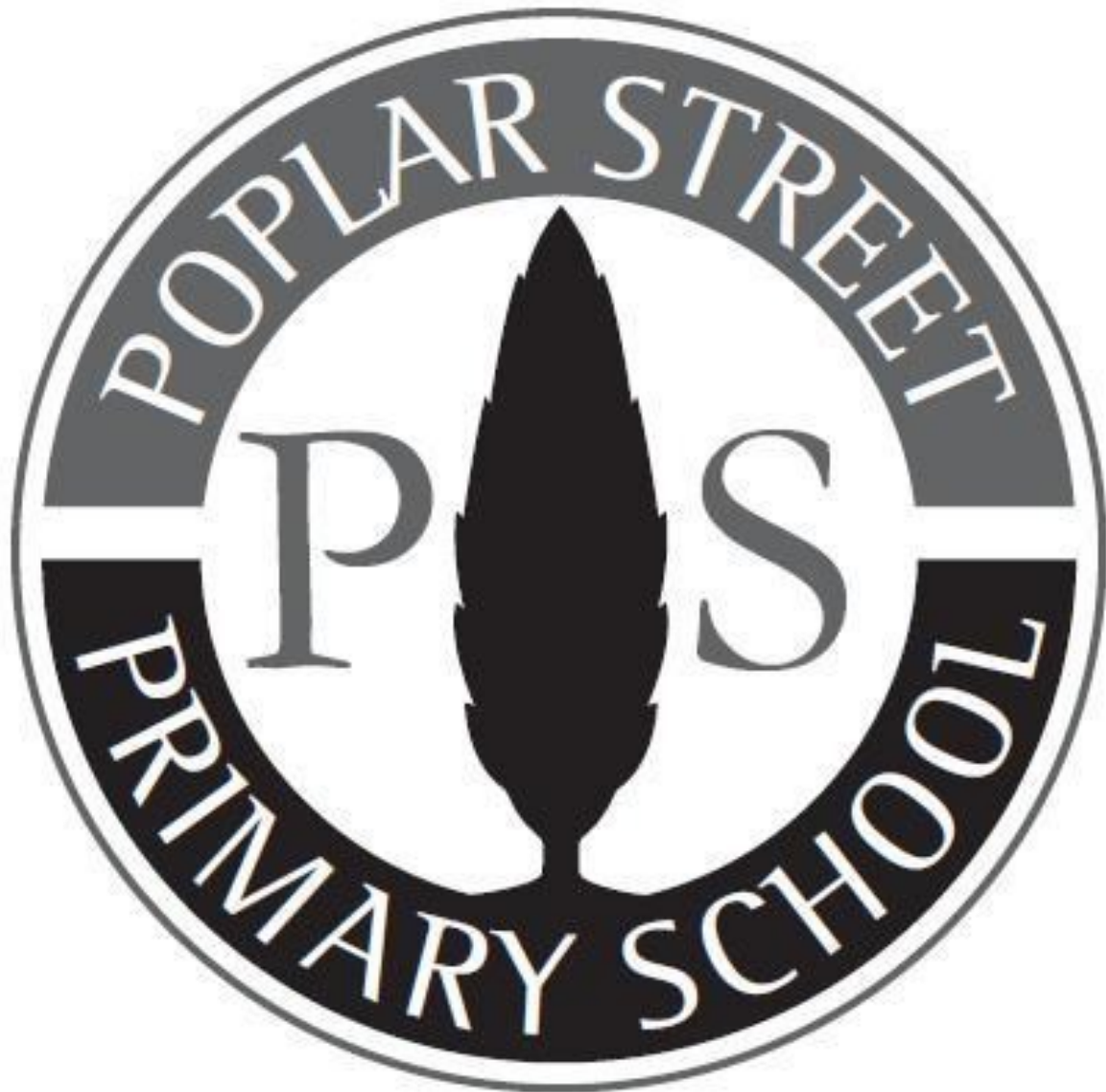


# *Poppy Post*



*Year 4*

*Autumn Term - 2021-2022*

*'Working together - Aiming high.'*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is some information about the work we will be covering in the run up to Christmas.

### Autumn A

Our first theme is 'The Amazon Rainforest,' where we will learn about a variety of plants and animals. This will link to Science, enabling us to look at grouping and classifying living things. We will also consider the issues of deforestation and conservation and use this as a basis for writing a persuasive letter. In Art, we will study the work of Henri Rousseau as inspiration for our own pieces. Additionally, we will design and make Amazonian headdresses based on those worn by some of the tribal people of the region.



### Autumn B

After the half term break, we will be learning about 'Mythical Creatures', including where they may have lived. We will create our own dragon eggs using mixed media and in science, we will learn about electricity.

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 free verse poem and a narrative based on Beowulf.



### School Uniform

Please could we ask that you label all your children's clothing (including PE kit,

## PE

PE for Year 4 is on Wednesday afternoons. Children should attend school wearing their PE kits on this day. This should be a plain white t-shirt, plain dark shorts and trainers (not pumps as they do not adequately support the children's feet). You may also provide some jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt for outdoor sessions. All children must have their earrings removed on PE day and have long hair tied back.



### Swimming

Mrs Horton's class will start their school swimming programme on Thursday 9th September. This will run every Thursday until the 9th December. Swimming lessons are taught at Tameside Wellness Centre. Girls need a one piece swimming costume (no bikinis or 2 piece suits) and boys need swimming trunks or shorts above the knee (no long shorts please). If your child has long hair, a swimming cap is also required. Before the start of the school day, please could we ask that all earrings are removed.

### Snacks

We offer water for all children to drink throughout the day and children are encouraged to bring in their own water bottles. Children may bring their own **healthy** snack to school to eat during the morning break.

### Homework

Times tables - Website: [www.ttrackstars.com](http://www.ttrackstars.com)

Times tables homework will be set on this website every Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. Children are expected to complete several *Carage* and one *Studio* game each week, which will be preset for your child when they log on. Children are expected to know all times table and division facts by the end of Year 4.

### Spellings

Children are expected to know the statutory list of high frequency words from

## Learning Logs

Each half term, before a new topic, children are asked to complete their own research. Please see your child's Learning Log for more information. The next research homework will be set on Friday 22nd October and expected back in on Monday 1st November.

## Reading

Thank you for your continued support with reading. Even though your child may read independently, sharing the experience helps to foster a love of books and support their understanding of the more complex language and themes the children will begin to encounter. It helps enormously to discuss what is being read together, to deepen and broaden their understanding. We ask that children read at home a minimum of three times a week. This should be recorded in their yellow Reading Logs, then signed and dated by yourselves. Reading Logs will be checked every day.

Pupils also have access to Read Theory - Website:

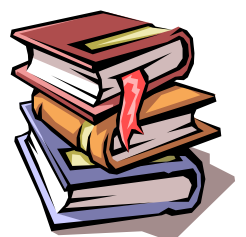
[www.readtheory.org](http://www.readtheory.org) which is designed to help improve your child's comprehension using short texts. We would expect this to be completed at least once every week.

## 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](http://www.iamlearning.co.uk)

Please note: At the moment, homework is being set as a paper copy. Once we revert back to I am Learning, we will inform you.

All usernames and passwords for websites can be found on the inside cover of your child's Reading Log. We advise that you take a photograph of this page in case these details are misplaced.



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.



**ClassDojo**

**The Team** Teachers: Miss Patel, Mrs Horton and Miss Walsham  
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Spence



**Key Dates:**

School finishes for half term: Friday 22nd October

School reopens: Monday 1st November

Flu Vaccination: Wednesday 3rd November

Children in Need Day: Friday 19th November

Christmas jumper day: Friday 17th December

School finishes for Christmas: Friday 17th December

School reopens for Spring Term: Wednesday 5th January