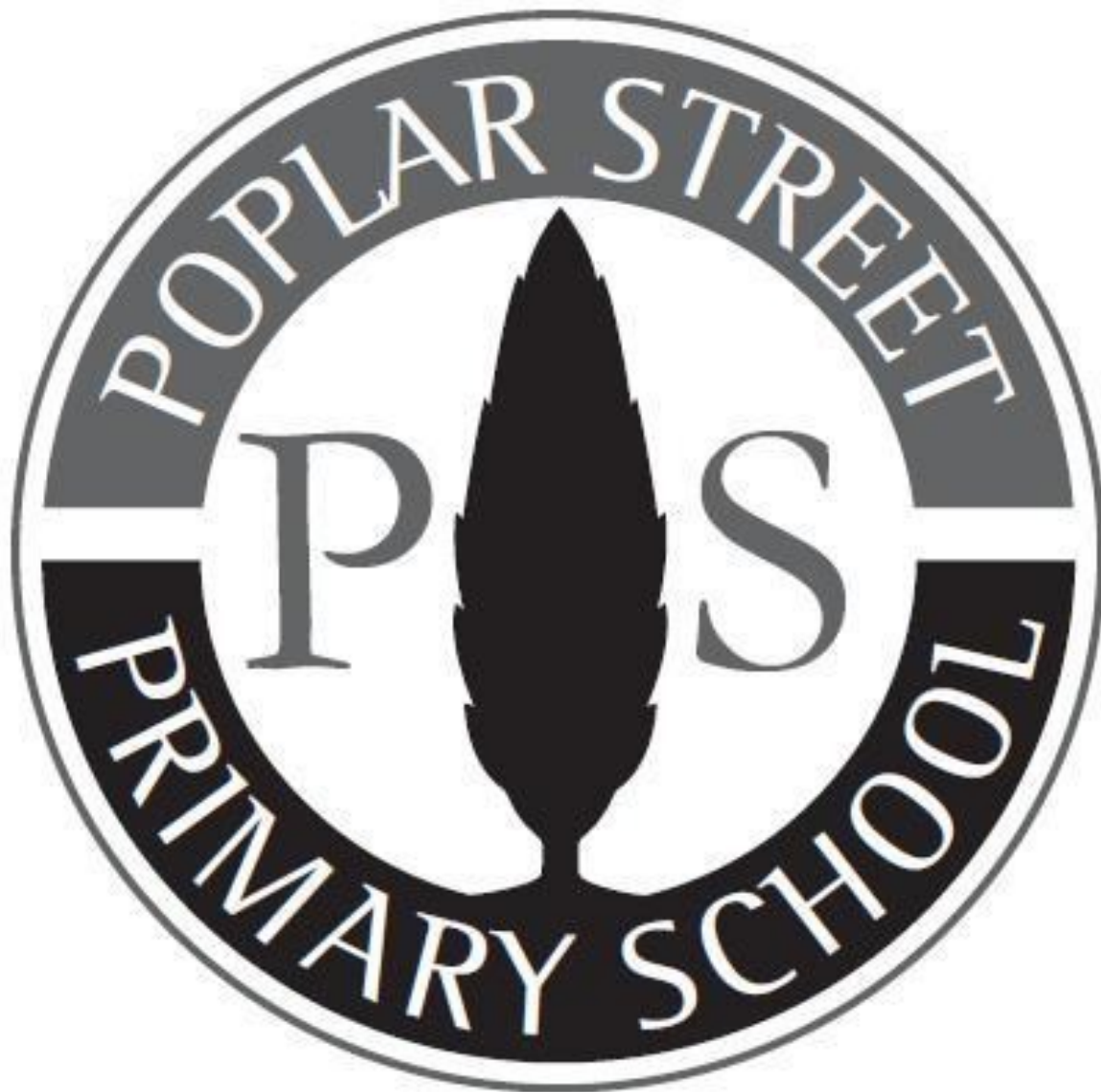


Poppy Post



Foundation Stage

'Working together-aiming high.'

Welcome to this terms newsletter.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We are delighted at the way the children are settling in to school and we look forward to spending the following academic year together with you.

Read on to find out what your child will be doing this term.

Below are the session times and ask you to be prompt at both drop off and pick up times.

Nursery am session - 8.45am - 11.45am

Nursery pm session - 12.15pm - 3pm

Nursery full time - 8.45am - 3pm

Reception 8.45am - 3pm

Reading & Book Bags:

The children will be bringing home a book to share with you and read for pleasure and your child will choose a new book on Friday morning.

Reading is very important, please read every day with your child at home to support teaching and learning in school. You can talk about the sounds you can see in the book. Ask your child to talk about what has happened in the story and predict what might happen next.



Home work in Reception:

The children share their home learning in front of the class every Monday and this promotes confidence in both speaking and listening skills as well as consolidating what they have learnt in school.

Children really enjoy their special time stood at the front of the group sharing their experiences. The homework is communicated via dojo and can be uploaded to their portfolio.



Future Events

Children finish school for:

- half term on **Friday 22nd October** and return to school on **Monday 1st November**

Read Write Inc

Children in Reception take part in daily phonics lessons using Read Write Inc scheme. They learn a new sound each day and begin to segment and blend so they can learn to read. (We call this Fred talk) E.g c-a-t then they say cat. (More information will be sent regarding your child's reading journey)

Children in Nursery also take part in daily phonics sessions. They begin with Letters and Sounds Phase One phonics and began Read Write Inc in the summer term .

There are lots of resources to support our Letters and Sounds teaching on the internet.

PE (Reception only)

PE is every Friday and your child should come to school in their PE kit.

All children must have their earrings removed on their PE day. Please note that staff are not permitted to remove children's earrings for health and safety reasons or to cover earrings with tape.

PE (Nursery only) Children will not need a PE kit to change into. They will do PE in their school uniform.

Labelling

Lots of our uniform, coats and shoes come from the same companies and with around 100 children in the Foundation Stage at any one time things can easily get misplaced. **Please ensure that all of your child's clothing is clearly labelled (including coats and shoes) to enable us to easily identify your child's clothes.** If your child brings a packed lunch to school, lunch boxes, containers and drinks bottles should be labelled to help us to send children home with the correct items.



Topics and learning in Reception.

This half term our topic is 'Magical me.' The children will be learning all about themselves and discussing their families. We will be labelling our body and exploring our 5 senses. We will be going on an Autumn walk and observing changes. We are learning our new routines and focusing on our listening and attention skills as well as sharing and turn taking.

In Literacy we will be reading 'Owl babies' and 'What's in the witches kitchen.' We will be learning lots of new vocabulary from the text and will begin hearing and writing initial sounds in words. In Math's the children will be learning to have a deeper understanding of 10. We will practice careful counting and will be using five frames. We will be comparing amounts up to 5 using more and less and will be finding 1 more and 1 less. We will be learning the names of 2D shapes.

Next half term our topic is 'celebrations.' The children will be learning and celebrating Diwali, bonfire night, remembrance Sunday and Christmas. We will be walking to the post office to post our Christmas wish list letters to Santa. In Literacy we will be reading 'Leaf man' and 'The Santa trap.' we will be focusing on learning new vocabulary from the text as well as being able to retell and write about the story. In Math's we will continue learning a deeper understanding of 10 and will be comparing amounts up to 10. we will learn number bond facts to 5 and how to find doubles.

Topics and learning in Nursery.

Our topic for this half term is 'All about me'. The children will be talking about themselves and who is in their family. We will be learning about autumn and the changes we can see in our environment. Like the Reception team, we will be focusing on settling in, new routines, listening and attention skills and sharing and turn taking.

In Literacy, we will be reading traditional tales and 'Pete the Cat—I love my white shoes'. In phonics we will be developing our listening skills by playing lots of listening and attention games and focusing on environmental sound and instrumental sounds.

In math's, we will be learning about identifying patterns and the different patterns we can see around us.

Our topic for next half term is 'celebrations.' We will be learning and celebrating the following—Diwali, Bonfire Night, Black History Month, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. We will be writing a letter to post to Father Christmas and will be reading 'The Gingerbread Man,' and 'We're Going on Bear Hunt.'

In math's we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and positional language like 'in' and 'under'.

Fund Money:

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our fund so far this year. The money collected has paid for enhancements to topics and celebratory snacks..

Fund can still be paid online through Parent Pay.

It may not be possible for similar activities to continue if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions.

Snacks:

Children receive free fruit and milk in the Foundation Stage. To enable your child to access the free milk you will need to register on the following website.

www.coolmilk.com/register. Once your child reaches the age of 5, milk ceases to be free. If you wish to pay for milk for your child, you will need to do so through the above website.

Outdoor Learning

Could we remind all parents that children are allowed access to outside play every single day regardless of the weather. Please ensure they have suitable coats, gloves, scarves, hats etc. We have a limited stock of wellington boots which the children have to wear in particularly wet weather. If the weather is hot please ensure you put sun cream on your child and send them with a hat. (In the Spring/Summer term)

Toys from home:

We **do not** allow children to bring toys from home into the setting. The toys often get lost or broken and this upsets the child. Please support us on this matter.

Class Dojo

We use Class Dojo to communicate messages. Please continue to upload any photos and comments about activities at home. We love reading about your children's successes and achievements. In Reception we share home learning every Monday afternoon.

We hope you have found our newsletter helpful and informative. If you have any other questions/queries, please ask any member of staff who will be happy to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Kearns, Miss Ola, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Mason, Miss Qureshi and Miss Doyle.

If you have any underwear that is too small for your child, we would be grateful if you could send it into school. Our supplies, particularly for girls, are running very low.

