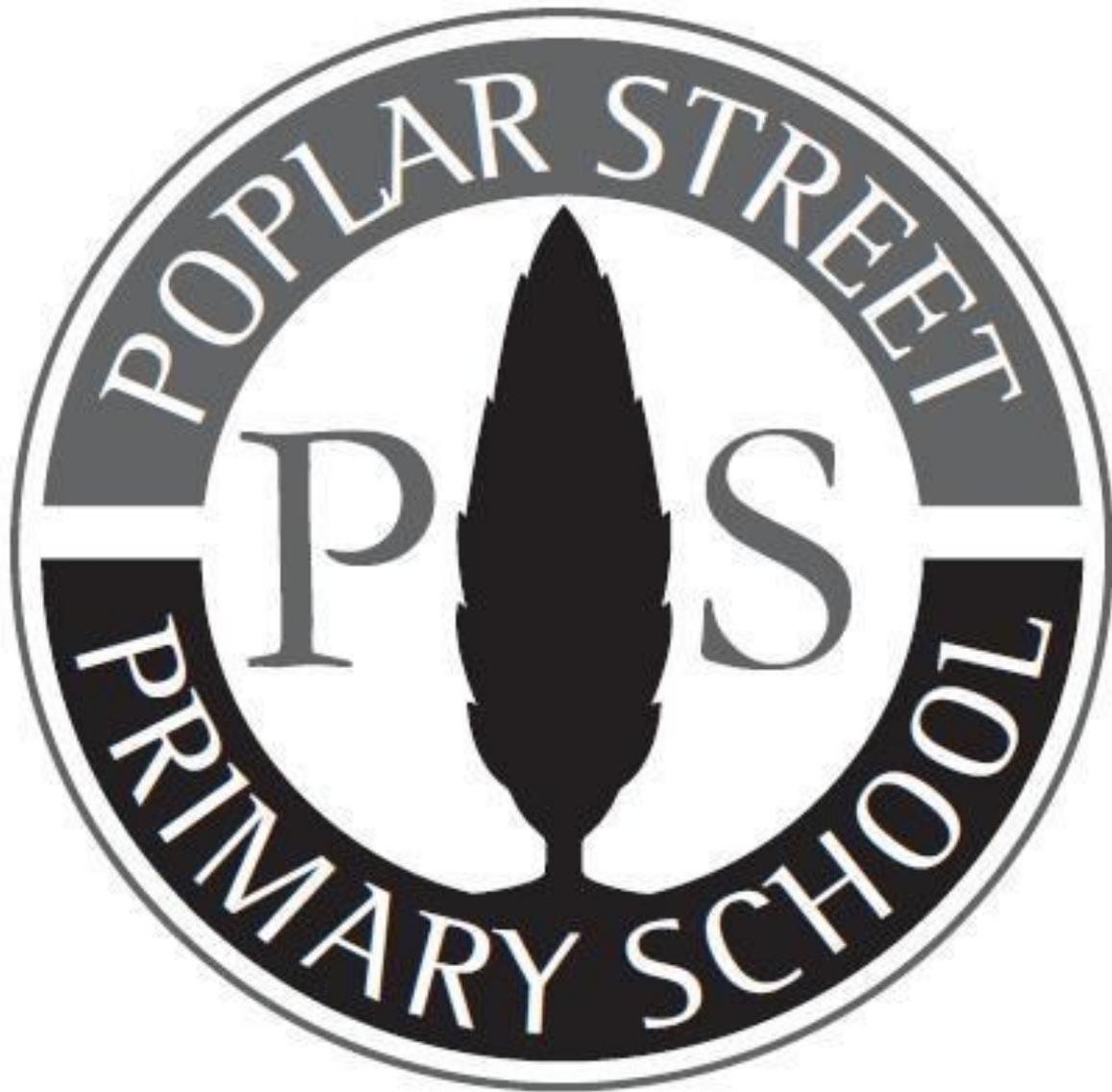


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Year 5

Spring Term - 2021-2022

'Working together - Aiming high.'

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Spring A - Mechanisms and Inventors

In this topic, we will be learning about Leonardo Da Vinci and Sir Isaac Newton alongside the work of other inventors. We will be looking at mechanisms too and the concept of gravity in science. In English, we will be writing letters, reports and adverts. In maths, we will look at multiplication, division and fractions. In art, we will be creating a self-portrait and in D&T will be creating our own Rube Goldberg machine. In RE, we will be looking at Christianity and the teachings of Jesus. In PE, children will be learning about gymnastics.

Spring B - Biomes

In this topic, we will learn about biomes around the world. In maths, we will be learning more about fractions and about percentages and decimals. In science, we will be learning about the properties of different materials. In art, we will be drawing animal portraits and in D&T we will look at savory food. In English, we will be writing an advertisement and a short story. In geography, we will continue to learn about mountains around the world. In PE, children will be learning about dodgeball.

School Uniform

Please could we ask that you clearly label all your children's clothing (including PE kit, coats and footwear) 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 and Yoga

PE will take place on a **Tuesday 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 want to 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. Children will participate in **Yoga every other Monday** starting with Mr Burns' class on Monday 10th January then Mr Taylor's class on Monday 17th January 2022. Children should also wear their PE kit on this day.

PSHE

In the first half term, the children will be thinking about 'Dreams and Goals' where they will learn about: future dreams; the importance of money; jobs and careers; dream job and how to get there; goals in different cultures; supporting others (charity); and motivation. In the second half term, the children will be thinking about 'Healthy Me' where they will learn about: smoking, including vaping; alcohol; alcohol and anti-social behaviour; emergency aid; body image; relationships with food; healthy choices; and motivation and behaviour.

Snacks

We offer water for all to drink. We would encourage children to bring in their own water bottle which they can have access to throughout the day. We also offer milk and snacks and 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 our morning break.



Important dates for your diary:

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January
Wednesday 5th January
Friday 18th February
Monday 28th February
Friday 8th April

School closed: Inset Day
School reopens
School closes for Half Term
School reopens
School closes for Easter



Further dates

Look out for further information on our weekly school newsletter. This is published at the end of each week on Class Dojo. In addition, check out our school website which also shares key information on upcoming dates.

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 12 minutes each week on *Garage* and one *Soundcheck*. Website: www.ttrockstars.com

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.

Reading

Children are expected to read at home at least three times a week. This should be recorded in their yellow Reading Record, then signed and dated by an adult. Reading Records 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

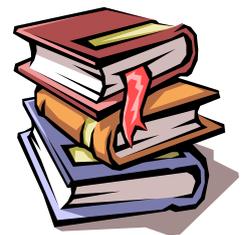
SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Homework

One piece of SPaG work will be set every Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. This work will be directly related to what we are learning about in class. This will be a paper copy and children should complete their work on the sheet provided.

The Teaching Team

Teachers: Mr Burns and Mr Taylor

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Davis and Ms Potts



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.**



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