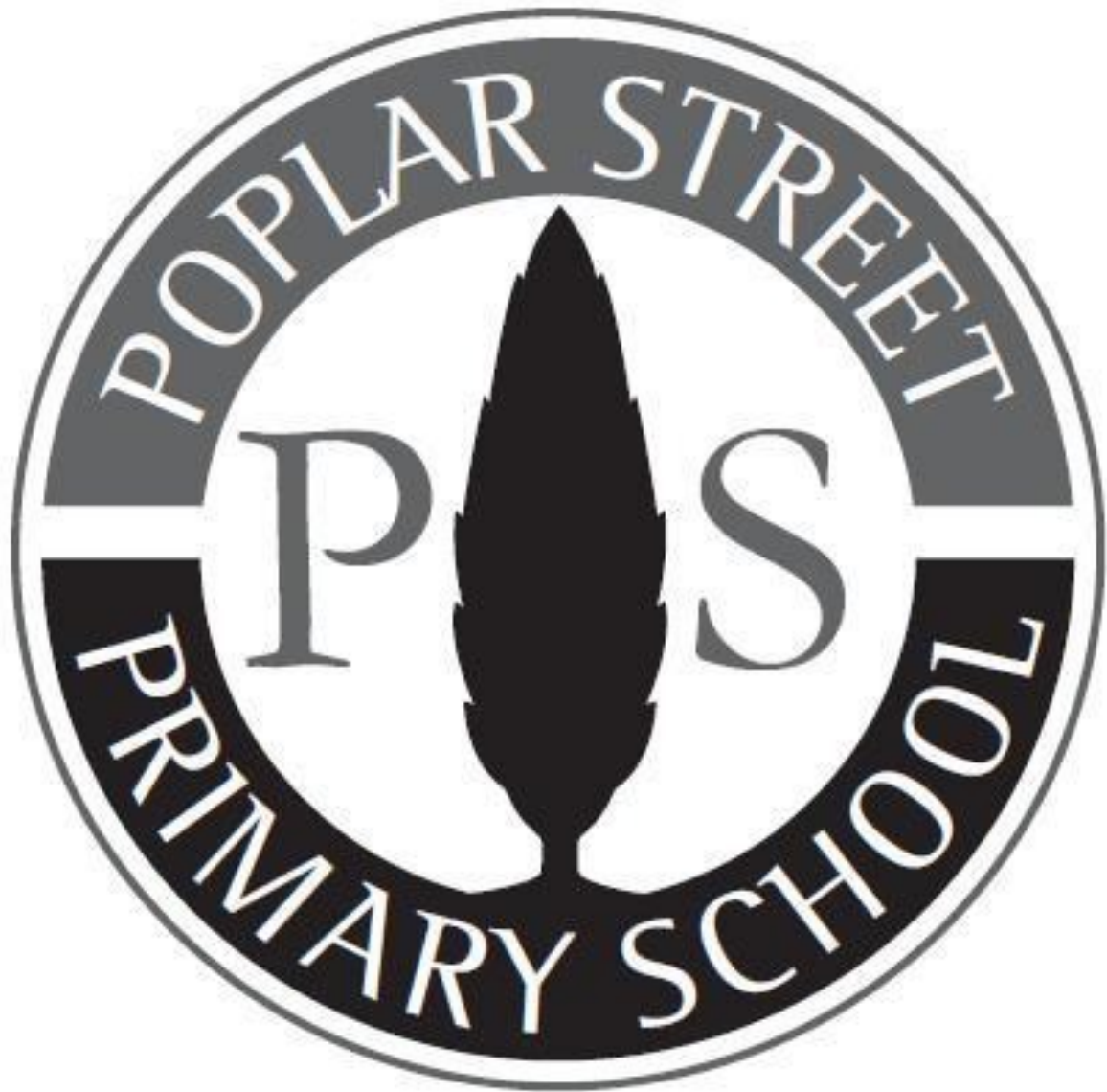


# Poppy Post



Year 2

*'Working together-aiming high.'*

Welcome to this term's newsletter.

Dear Parents /Carers,

During this half term, our topic is **The Great Fire of London**. Our History sessions will focus on the events leading up to, during and following the Great Fire of London. In Science, we will be studying materials and comparing the suitability of these through a range of experiments. In DT, we will be planning, designing, creating and evaluating our very own houses with the architectural features of a London street in 1666.



### Reading:

Thank you for all your support so far when hearing your child read. We would be grateful if you could continue to listen to your child read each day, ask them questions about the book and help them with any problems they have. Your child will choose 2 new books every Monday. Please sign their **blue** reading diary every time you hear your them 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:

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 practised 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.

## Maths skills to continue practising:

Number bond facts to 10 and to 20. (Numbots and rekenrek can support this learning)

Count forwards and backwards in 1s from different numbers.

1 more and 1 less, using numbers up to 100

10 more and 10 less, using numbers up to 100

## Snack money:

Fruit is **free** in Year 2. We offer water for all to drink, or children can bring a bottle of water to school with them (**please no juice**). We do offer milk, which must be paid for via Parent-Pay.

## School uniform:

As your children grow and new uniform is required, please could we remind you to 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.



## Future dates:

Friday 18th February - finish for half term