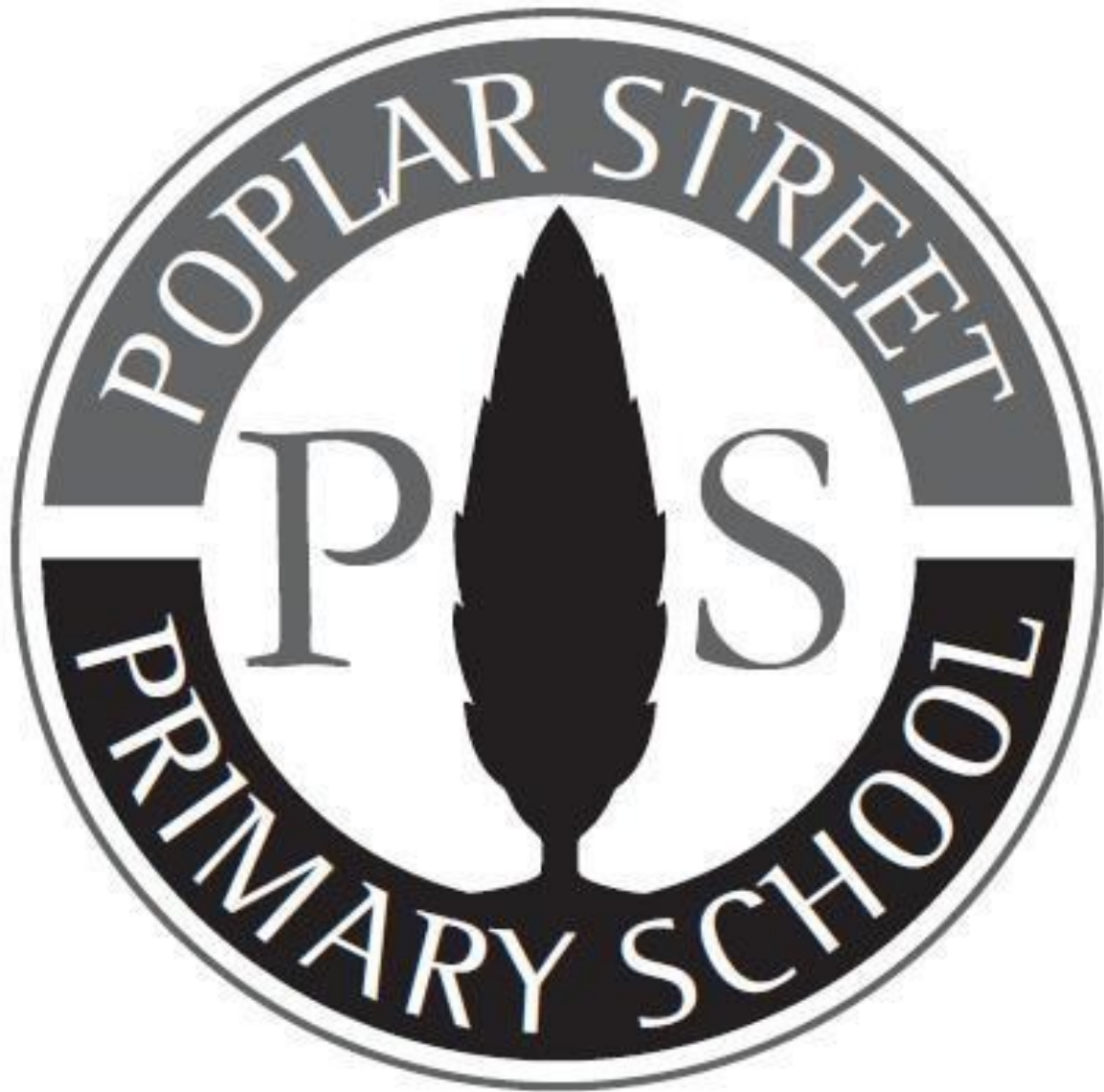


# Poppy Post



Year 3

Spring Term 2023

*'Working together-aiming high.'*

Dear Parents /Carers,

Here are some details about the curriculum we will be teaching up to Easter.

### **Spring A– The Night Train**

Our first theme will be based off the book ‘The Night Train’ by Matilda Woods linked to our History topic on George Stevenson and the history of trains and railways. In Science, we will study light, dark, reflective surfaces and investigate shadows. In DT, we will have lots of fun designing and making a light box.

### **Spring B– Changing Places**

After the half term break, we will be learning about ‘Changing Places’. In geography, we will be studying in depth the physical and human impact on places over time. In science, we will be learning about plants and investigating what conditions they need to grow, as well as, pollination and the roll of seed dispersal.

### **PSHE:**

#### **Spring A– Dreams and Goals**

Difficult challenges and achieving success

Dreams and ambitions

New challenges

Motivation and enthusiasm

Recognising and trying to overcome

Managing feelings

Simple budgeting

#### **Spring B– Healthy Me**

Exercise

Fitness challenges

Food labeling and healthy swaps

Attitudes towards drugs

Keeping safe online and why it is important with scenarios

Respect for myself and others

Healthy and safe choices



## PE:

PE for Year 3 is on **Tuesday** afternoon. Children should come to school in their PE kits on this day. This should be a plain white t-shirt, plain dark shorts or leggings and trainers. Children can wear plain, dark jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt in the colder months. All children must have their earrings removed on PE day, and have long hair tied back.

## Reading:



Your child may be becoming increasingly independent with their reading however sharing the experience helps to foster the enjoyment of books and supports their understanding if you can discuss what is being read together.

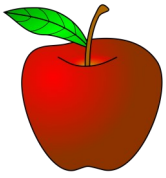
Children should read at home **three times a week** and their reading cards should be signed accordingly by an adult at home. We will host reading celebrations for those who manage consistent reading at home. We understand it can be difficult to find time to read with your child but please rest assured, we do not expect you to read a full book in one go! A couple of pages at a time regularly is more than sufficient and focus instead on building good habits with the children.

## Homework:

Times Tables Rockstars - Times tables homework will be set on TT Rockstars. Again, we recommend that the children log on **3 times a week** to encourage them to build good habits. Celebrations for those who complete their homework each week will also take place every half term. If you need your child's login, please send a Dojo message to your child's class teacher.

Spellings - We will send out a list of spellings every other week on a Friday. We will now begin to look at spelling words in the Year 3 curriculum. Children should be practising these words regularly using the activities we send home or you can get creative yourselves.

## Snack time:



Please provide your child with a healthy snack for break times. A cereal bar (no chocolate please), fruit or a yoghurt are ideal. Because of their salt and fat content, crisps are not considered to be a healthy snack. Can we also remind you that **Prime drinks and bottles** are not allowed in school. Alternatively, we can offer milk and/or a healthy snack through school but these come with a charge. Please see the school office for further details.

There is also a free breakfast club available each morning in the school hall from 8.30am.

## School uniform:

The children all look very smart in their school uniforms. 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:

Mornings can be busy for all so there may not always be a chance to speak to the class teacher. To help with this, either Mrs Norgan or Mrs Devlin, will be available from 8:45am to pass on any messages or queries you may have. Please note that for any absences, the school office must be informed. You can also contact us via Class Dojo.

## Future dates:

Friday 3rd February— NSPCC number day linked to DT and Art day

W/C 6th February— Children's mental health week

Friday 17th February — School finishes for half term

Monday 27th February — Back to school

Monday 13th February— Year 3 trip day

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day

W/C 13th March—British Science Week

