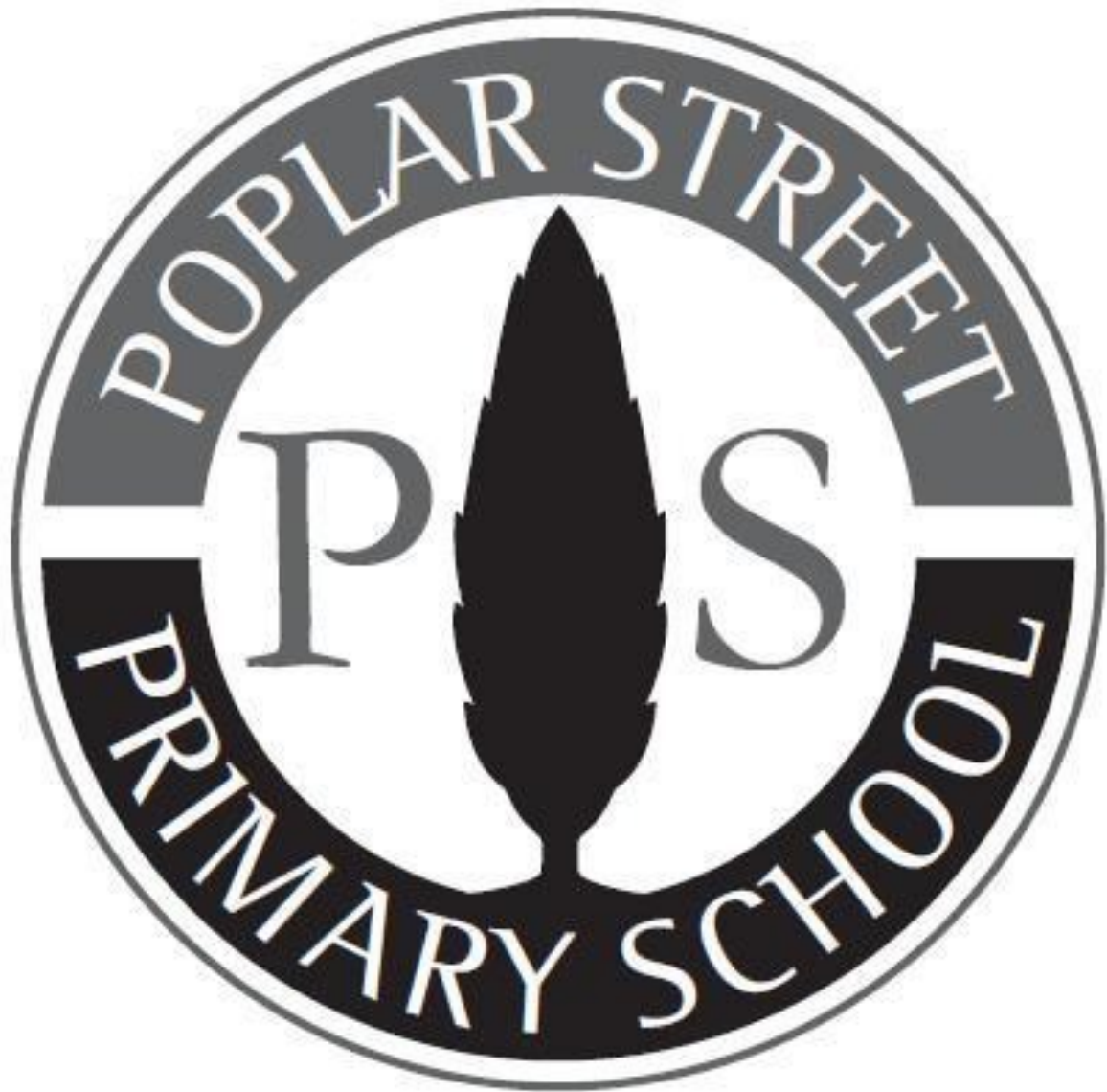


Poppy Post



Year 4

Spring Term - 2023

'Working together - Aiming high.'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone has enjoyed the festive half term.

Here are some details about the topics we will be looking at and enjoying until Easter.

Key dates

Tues 3rd Jan Inset day

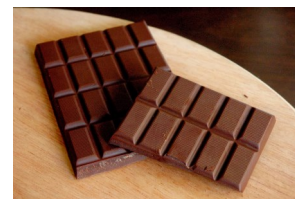
Wed 4th Jan School reopens

Friday 17th Feb School closes for half term



Spring A - Egyptians

In this term, we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians.. Our class text is 'Secrets of a Sun King—Emma Carroll', which will support our learning.. We will write a newspaper report about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and a leaflet about visiting Egypt. We will be sculpting our own Egyptian artefact using clay and creating our own canopic jars. In science, we will be learning about solids, liquids and gases and will be making our own butter.



Spring B - Chocolate and the Digestive System

In this term, we will be using the book "*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory—Roald Dahl*". We will create a new character for the story and design and make our own chocolate bars. In history, we are looking at The Mayan civilization.

In geography, we will be learning about how we can live more sustainably.

Statutory times table check

In the summer term, the children will complete a statutory Times Tables Check. It is vitally important that your child is completing their TTRockstars homework and the times tables booklets that we print off for them. This will not only help with their Times Tables Check but will also support their maths lessons, particularly during units on fractions, decimals and percentages.

[Information for parents: multiplication tables check \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)



PE / Swimming

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday morning. Please send your child to school wearing PE kit that day. This term, Miss Orchard's class will be going swimming on Thursday mornings. Children need suitable swim wear, towel and swim hat.

Snacks

We encourage children to bring in their own water bottle which they can have access to throughout the day. We also offer milk and snacks but 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 the morning breaks.

Homework

Times Tables Rockstars

Times tables homework will be set every Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. Children are expected to complete at least 10 minutes on Garage each week. 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. We hope you enjoy looking into Ancient Egypt this half term.

Reading

We ask the children to read at home three times a week as part of their weekly homework. This should be recorded in their yellow Reading Log, then signed and dated by yourself. Reading Logs will be checked every day.

Complete Maths

We have set children up on the tutor program Complete Maths and ask that they do a minimum of one goal a week.