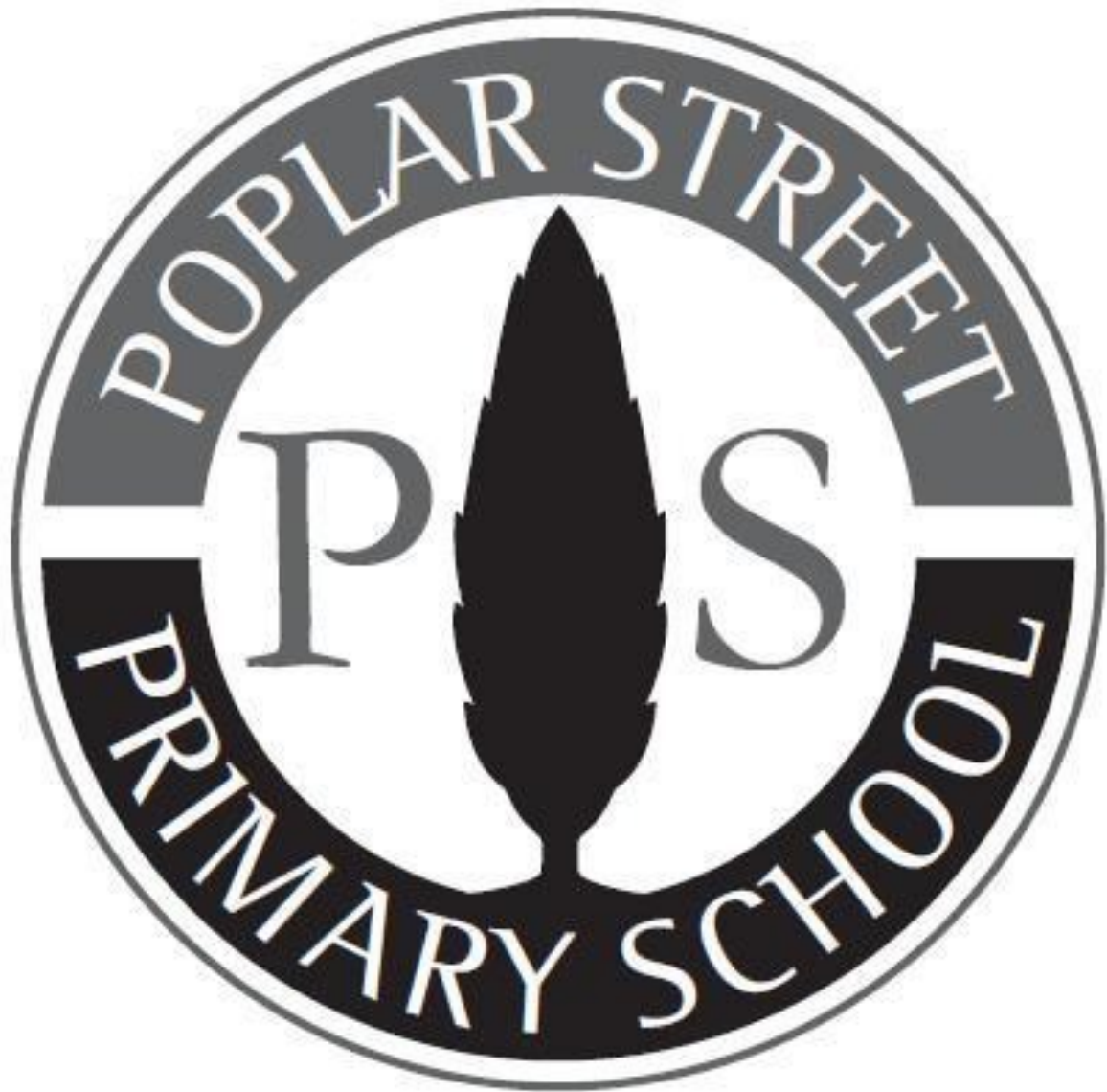


Poppy Post



Year 2

Autumn term

'Working together-aiming high.'

Welcome to this term's newsletter.

Dear Parents /Carers,

This term as well as Literacy, Maths and Science we will be following two themes: **Who could help me to find my funnybone?** and **How fast can a fire spread?**

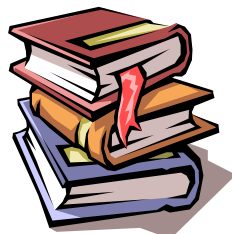
In the first half term, we will be looking at ourselves, people who help us and keeping healthy. We will look at the work of the artist Guiseppe Arcimboldo, the children will use fruit to create their own Arcimboldo inspired art and sketch them using different media.



After the half term break, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will group materials and study how they change when heated. In art and design technology we will create scenes of the Great Fire and practice baking.

Reading:

Thank you for all your support when hearing your child read. We would be grateful if you could listen to them read, ask them questions about the book and help them with any problems they have. Please sign their diary every time you hear your child read. Children receive rewards for reaching a target of 50 and 100 reads.



PE

Children need to have their PE kit in school every day. They need tee-shirt, shorts and trainers for indoor sessions and sweatshirts, jogging trousers or leggings for outdoor sessions. 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.

Currently all year 2 children have PE on a Tuesday.



Homework:

Year 2 children will receive spellings and times tables on a Tuesday, these are to practice at home and do not need to be returned to school.

If I have not got homework there are lots of things I can do:

Answer questions orally about my reading book

Practise number bonds to 20 e.g. $14 + 3 = 17$ so $17 - 3 = 14$

Practise number compliments to 20 e.g. $15 + 5 = 20$ so $20 - 5 = 15$

Recognise and write numbers to 100 at least

Learn to identify shapes e.g. triangle, square, oblong, circle, pentagon, hexagon, octagon and talk about their properties e.g. numbers of sides, corners, right angles

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.

Parent's evenings

During the week beginning the 10th October there will be an opportunity to meet with you child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled and in particular their literacy and numeracy work. Appointment slips will go out nearer the time.

Snack money:

Fruit is free in Year 2. We offer water for all to drink. We do offer milk which is must be paid for via Parent-Pay

Future dates:

29th September 2016—Individual School Photos

Friday 21st October 2016—School finishes for half term

w/c 10th October 2016 – Parents Meetings

Monday 31st October 2016—Back to school

w/c 14th November 2016—Assessment Week

w/c 5th December 2016—Christmas Performances

Tuesday 20th December 2016—School finishes for Christmas



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:

Home school diaries are a great way to communicate messages between parents and teachers. Therefore, please could we ask that diaries are sent into school daily.

Mornings can be busy for all, there may not always be a chance to speak to the class teacher. To help with this Miss Francis (Year 2 teaching assistant) will be available from 8:45 to pass on any messages or queries you may have.

Do you have any talents or skills that you could share ?

Come and join our Poplar Street family and be part of your child's education.

Can you:-

Help hear readers?

Are you creative?

Can you tell stories?



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to speak to us.