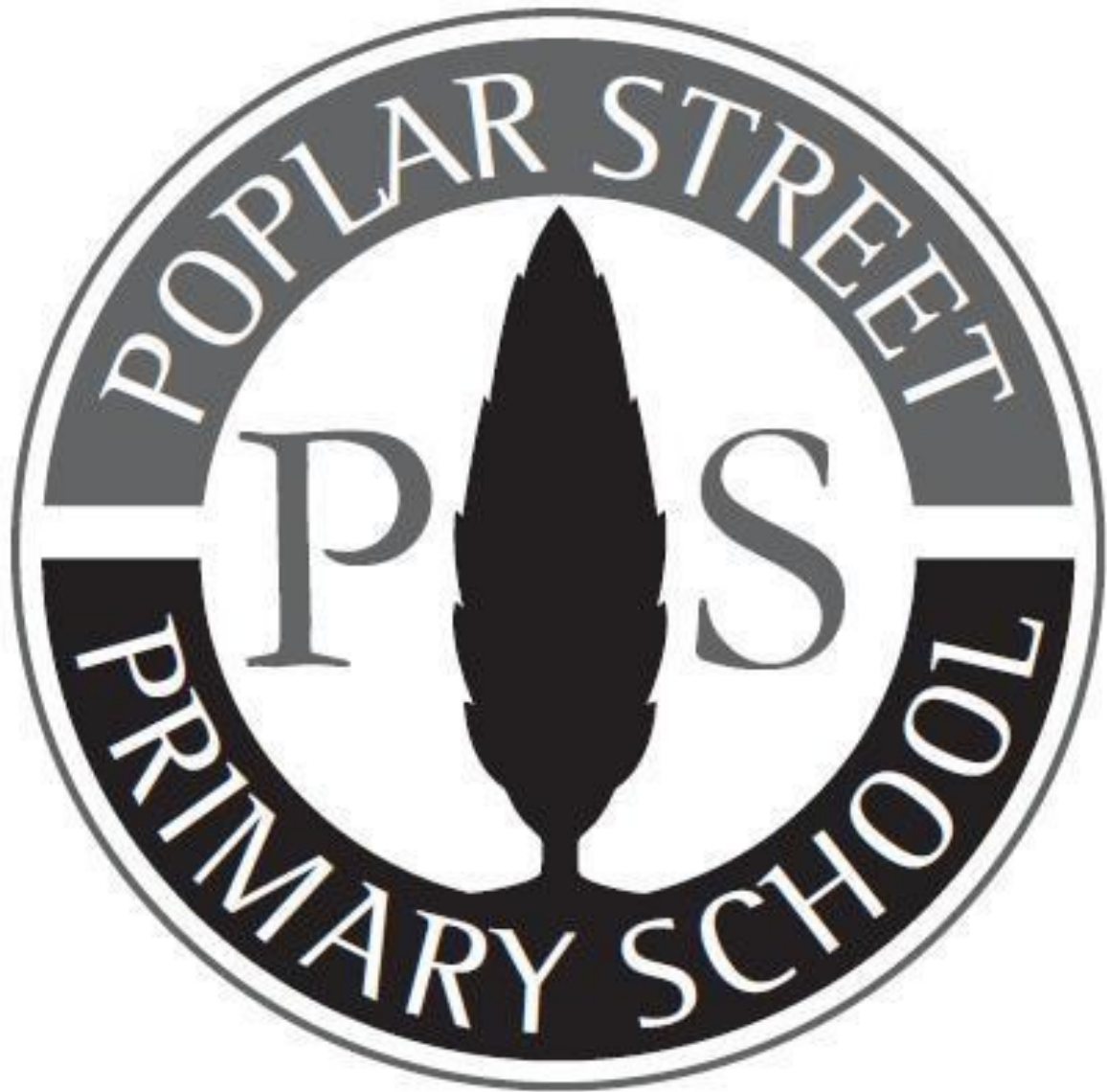


Poppy Post



Year 2

Spring term

'Working together-aiming high.'

Welcome to this term's newsletter.

Dear Parents /Carers,

During the spring term, we will be following two themes:

What is it like to live in Kenya? and **Pirates and Mermaids.**

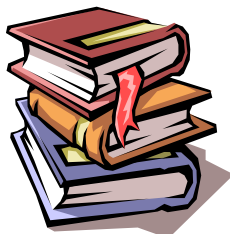
In the first half term, we will be investigating what it is like to live in Kenya and comparing this to where we live. In Art we will be learning to use different techniques including marbling and silhouettes and in Design and Technology we will be creating our own safari jeeps.



After the half term break, we will be learning about the lives of famous pirates including Blackbeard and Ann Bonny. In Music, we will listen to, and perform a range of 'sea-shanties' and in Geography we will be practicing our map skills by creating our very own treasure maps!

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 class dojo rewards for reading their books.



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 Maths homework on a Tuesday, these need to be returned to school by the following Monday.

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 $20 - 5 = 15$

Read and write numbers to 100 in words.

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.

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:

Thursday 4th January 2018 - school reopens

Thursday 18th January 2018 - Meet the animals - Zoo2U visit Year 2

w/c 12th March 2018 - Assessment Week

Friday 16th February - School finishes for half term

Monday 26th February - School reopens

Wednesday 21st March - Downs' Syndrome Day - Odd Socks

Thursday 29th April - School finishes for Easter



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 Mrs Norgan (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?

Are you enthusiastic?



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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