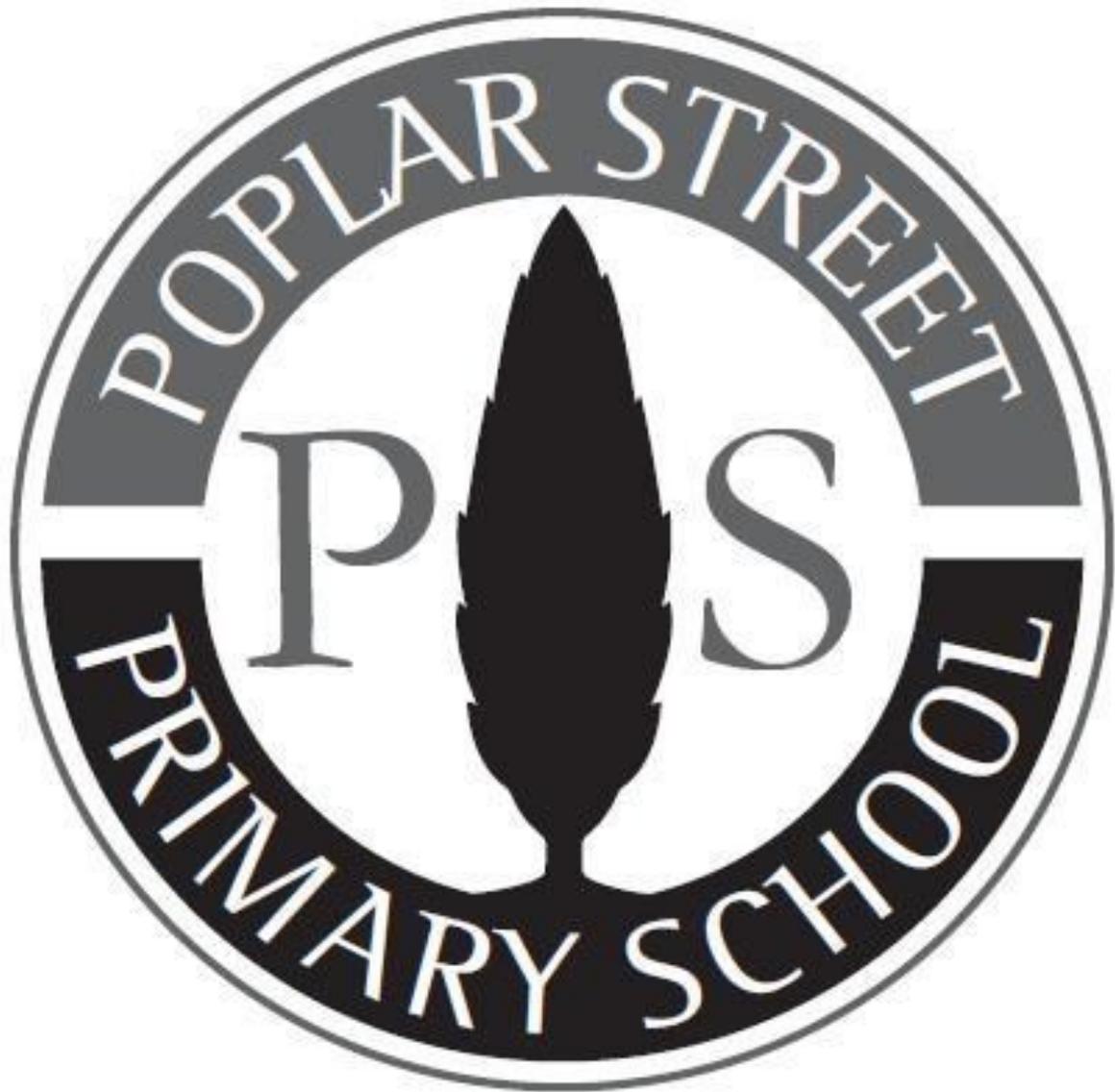


Poppy Post



Year 3

Spring term 2017

'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: 'Ug and The Stone Age' and 'The Odd Soks in The Lake District'.

In the first half term, we will be looking at the Stone Age. We will be investigating the properties of different types of rocks and soils and finding out how they are formed. Also we will be writing some persuasive writing enhanced by our Drama sessions. A special Stone Age activity day in which we will be handling materials appropriate to the time has been arranged. This includes building models of stone age dwellings and making a timeline. After the half term break, we will be focusing on the Geography of The Lake District based around the adventures of 'The Odd Socks'. We will be planting and walking in the local area in order to rescue 'The Odd Soks'.

Reading:

Thank you for all your support when hearing your child read. We would be grateful if you could listen to them read, ask questions to help them to understand the book and help them with any problems they may have.



The books are lengthier in Year3 so children will receive a new reading book after an adult has heard them read and they have finished the book. It would help them greatly if you are able to **read with them on most nights**. We are aware this can be difficult but you will be amazed by the difference it makes to how quickly they progress. Reading also plays such a vital role in enhancing the children's own writing.

PE

Children need to have their PE kit in school every day. They need a plain white t-shirt, plain dark shorts and trainers. You might like to provide your child with some jogging trousers 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. Long hair must be tied back at all times.



Homework:

Homework will usually be sent on a Friday. It may include English, Maths or something to do with our topic. If they have not got homework there are lots of other things that they can do:

Year 3 spellings (sent weekly)

Number bonds to 100 e.g $84 + 13 = 97$ so $97 - 13 = 84$

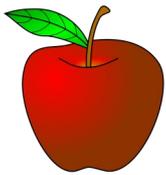
Number compliments to 100 e.g $55 + 45 = 100$ so $100 - 45 = 55$

Recognising and writing numbers to least 1000

2d shapes and their properties: right angled triangle, square, oblong, circle,
hexagon, pentagon, octagon,

Learning and practicing their; 2, 5, 10, 4, 8 and 3 x tables

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 a healthy snack.

We offer water for all to drink. We do offer milk which is charged termly, see our school website for details.

Future dates:

Thursday 5th January 2017—back to school

Thursday 16th February 2017— KS2 Valentine's Disco 6.15pm – 7.45pm

Friday 17th February—end of term

Monday 27th February—term starts

Friday 31st March—end of term—Easter holiday

Parents' Evenings Parents will be advised of the date near the start of the term.



School uniform:

The children continue to look very smart in their school uniforms. Please could we ask that you check and 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.

Also, diaries do need to be in school every day for the awarding of team points. Mornings can be busy for all, there may not always be a chance to speak to the class teacher. To help with this, Mrs O'Donnell or Mrs Read (our classroom assistants) will be available from 8:45am 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.