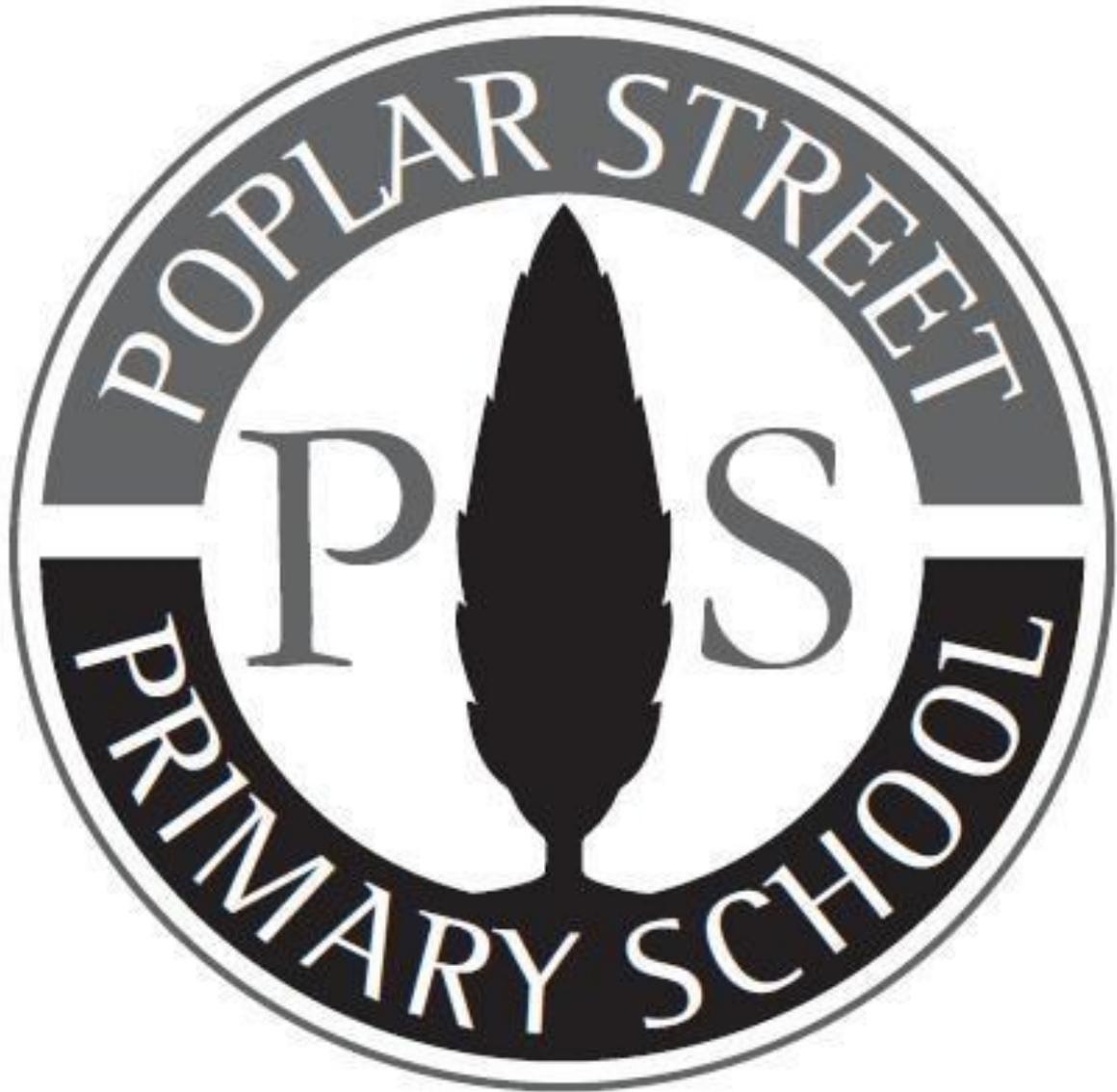


# Poppy Post



Year 4

Autumn Term—2018

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## Autumn Newsletter.

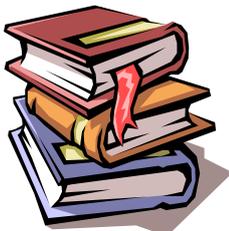
Dear Parents /Carers,

Here are some details about the topics we will continue to enjoy until the Christmas holidays.

### Topics

Our topic for the first half term is **A Mysterious Creature**. Posing the question: **Which creature laid this egg?** This is a geography topic, based around mountains. We will be looking at where in the world mountain ranges are and how mountains are formed. In English, we will explore why mountains have inspired legends and which creatures make their home there (focusing on one particular creature). We will also look at how people use the mountain environment for sport and tourism. Our Science work will look at the states of matter: solids, liquids and gases linked to our mountains unit. Our topic after half term is **Rumble in the Jungle**. The question being, **How Long Would You Last in the Jungle?** Which is another geography topic, based around the Brazilian Rainforest. We will be describing and understanding hot humid climates, human settlements and in Science, the food chains of the rainforest.

In English, we will be looking at stories which raise dilemmas, (deforestation of the



rainforest) letters and posters to persuade and we will also be looking at writing to explain. In D&T, we will make 3D dioramas of the layers of the rainforest. **Reading:** Thank you for your support in listening to your child read. Along with listening to them read aloud, we would be grateful if you could encourage them to use independent strategies to

read unknown words and check their understanding by asking them questions about the book. Please can you make a note of the pages your child has read and any comments, in their planner.

### Homework, Times tables and Spellings:

Year 4 children receive one piece of **Literacy** and one piece of **Numeracy** homework each week (except during assessment week). This needs to be completed **online** by the

following **Friday**. Children are also given **spellings** on a **Wednesday** to practice each week at home. Your child has also been given a login for Times Table Rockstars, weekly times table practice is vital and this is a fun and engaging way for your child to complete them.

Children need to learn tables in and out of order **and the corresponding division facts for 2's, 5's 10's, 3's, 4's, 8's, 6's, 9's, 7's, 11's and 12's.**

### 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. We ask that long hair is tied up for school.

### PE:

PE for both classes is on Monday afternoon. Children need to have their PE kit in school every day. We will send them home every half term to be washed. They need a plain white t-shirt, plain dark shorts and trainers. **(not pumps)**. You might like to provide your child with some jogging trousers for outdoor sessions, weather permitting. **All children must have their earrings removed on their PE day, and have long hair tied back.**

### Swimming:

Miss Doyle's class will be swimming until February half term and Mr Taylor's from February half term to the end of the academic year. Swimming lessons are at Denton swimming baths. Girls need a one piece swimming costume (not bikini) and boys need swimming trunks (no long shorts please). If your child has long hair, a swimming cap is needed. Please remember to remove any earrings. Swimming takes place on Wednesday



afternoons and will begin on Wednesday 13th September for Miss Doyle's class.

### Snacks:

We offer water for all to drink. We would encourage children to bring in their own water bottle (**not sports drinks**) which they can have access to throughout the day. Please ensure it is clearly labeled. We offer milk which is charged termly.

Please could we remind parents that they should **only send a healthy snack** into school for morning break. (**no chocolate please**) Also, we regularly have children bringing yoghurts but no spoon. Where possible, we would ask that children bring in squeezable yoghurt tubes, as we do not have cutlery available in the classroom.

### Future dates:

Friday 28th September 2018 -Individual School Photos

Friday 26th October 2018—School finishes for half term

Monday 5th November 2018—Back to school

Friday 21st December 2018 —School finishes for Christmas

### What to do if you need to speak to us:

Home school diaries and our Class Dojo system are the best forms of Communication between Parents and Teachers. Please could we ask that **diaries** are sent into school **daily** and ask your child to hand these to their class teacher if there is a message inside. If you have lost your Dojo log in please see Miss Doyle or Mr Taylor for a replacement.

Miss Doyle, Mr Taylor, Mrs Spence, Mrs Banner and Mrs Entwistle.

### 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 children read? Test children on their times tables?

Are you creative and would like to help with arts and crafts or wall displays in school?

If you are interested and would like some experience helping out, then please speak to Miss Doyle or Mr Taylor.

For more information about what's happening in Year 4, visit the Year 4 web page at [www.poplarstreet.tameside.sch.uk](http://www.poplarstreet.tameside.sch.uk), as well as our school Facebook page, where you will find weekly news and our continually updated Twitter feed @popyear4.



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