

Future dates:

WB. —Parents Evening

Thursday 4th January 2018 - school reopens

Friday 9th February 2018 —Robinwood Residential

Friday 16th February - School finishes for half term

Monday 26th February - School reopens

w/c 12th March 2018 - Assessment Week

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

Thursday 29th April - School finishes for Easter

What to do if you need to speak to us:

Home-school diaries are a great way to communicate messages 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. Also, we would encourage you to contact us on ClassDojo, where you can also follow how your child is doing at school. Mornings can be busy for all, and there might not always be a chance to speak to the class teacher but there will always be someone on duty on both Upper School door entrances to pass a message on to your child's

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.

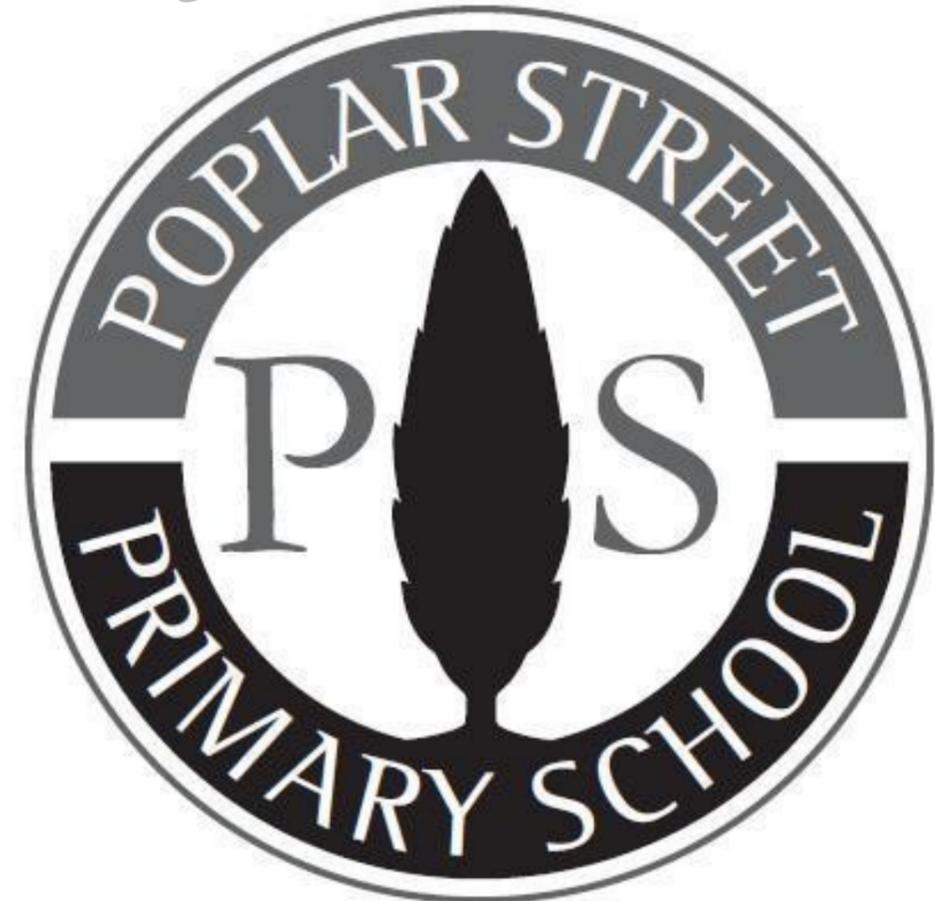
Can you:- help hear children read?

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 Mrs Lindley



Poppy Post



Year 4

Spring Term—2018

Did you know you can follow our learning on

Twitter @popyear4

We would love some new followers!

'Working together-aiming high.'

Spring Newsletter.

Dear Parents /Carers,

Here are some details about the topics we will be studying until the Easter holidays.

Topics

Our topic for the first half term is **Why were the Egyptians so awesome?** which is a history topic, based around Ancient Egypt. We are describing and understanding climates, and the importance of the River Nile, Egyptian gods, pharaohs, even archeologists. In literacy, we are going to look at historical recounts, and write an 'ancient style' report about Tutankhamun's mysterious death. Also, we are going to produce our very own Egyptian myth about creation. In Art, we will draw hieroglyphics and make clay artifacts.

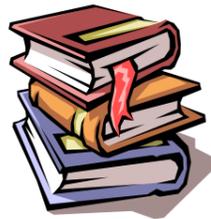
Our topic after half term is **What Happens to the Food in our Belly?** During this topic, we will be learning about the digestive system of humans and animals. Our English topic is based around the work of Roald Dahl, we will be reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* mainly, but we are going to look at some of his other work, eg. *Revolting Rhymes*, *The Witches*, *BFG* etc. . . We are going to learn how to write biographies, poems and fantasy stories.

School Trip:

We will have our residential trip to Robinwood booked for 9th/11th February, 2018.

Reading:

We have been assessing reading levels of children, and we moved some children on to the next colour band, children who read book bands which are above topaz are free readers, which means they can choose any books from our class library. We would encourage you to use Bug Club and 'I am learning' at home, they can access these sites using their unique log-ins. **We are continuing to change reading books every day. As soon as a book is finished, children can change their reading books independently.**



Thank you for your support in listening to your child read. In reading this term we will be focusing in detail on reading between the lines, using **inference, deduction and interpretation**, as this is an area many children are finding difficult.

Homework, Times tables and Spellings:

Year 4 will now have homework set each week, on the I Am Learning website. Spellings and Times tables practice sheets are also given out on the Friday, and tested the following Wednesday. Also, every child is given the opportunity to practice their spellings through handwriting practice and fun games.

Please note that our end of year expectations for Year 4 are that all children should know all times tables (1x—12x), in and out of order and their corresponding division facts.

School uniform:

We are still having small incidents of children losing items of clothing. 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. We recommend that long hair is tied up for school.

PE:

PE for both classes is on Monday afternoons and swimming lessons are on Wednesday afternoons. 4L is starting swimming after the February half-term, you will soon receive a letter, which should be returned as soon as possible.

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. 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 Mrs Lindley's class 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 a 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.**



Snacks:

We offer water for all to drink. **We would encourage children to bring in their own water bottle which they can have access to throughout the day.** Please ensure it is clearly labeled. We offer milk which is charged termly. Healthy snack is also charged half-termly at £2.50, payable **on Parent's Pay**.

Please could we remind parents that they should only send a **healthy snack** into school for morning break.

