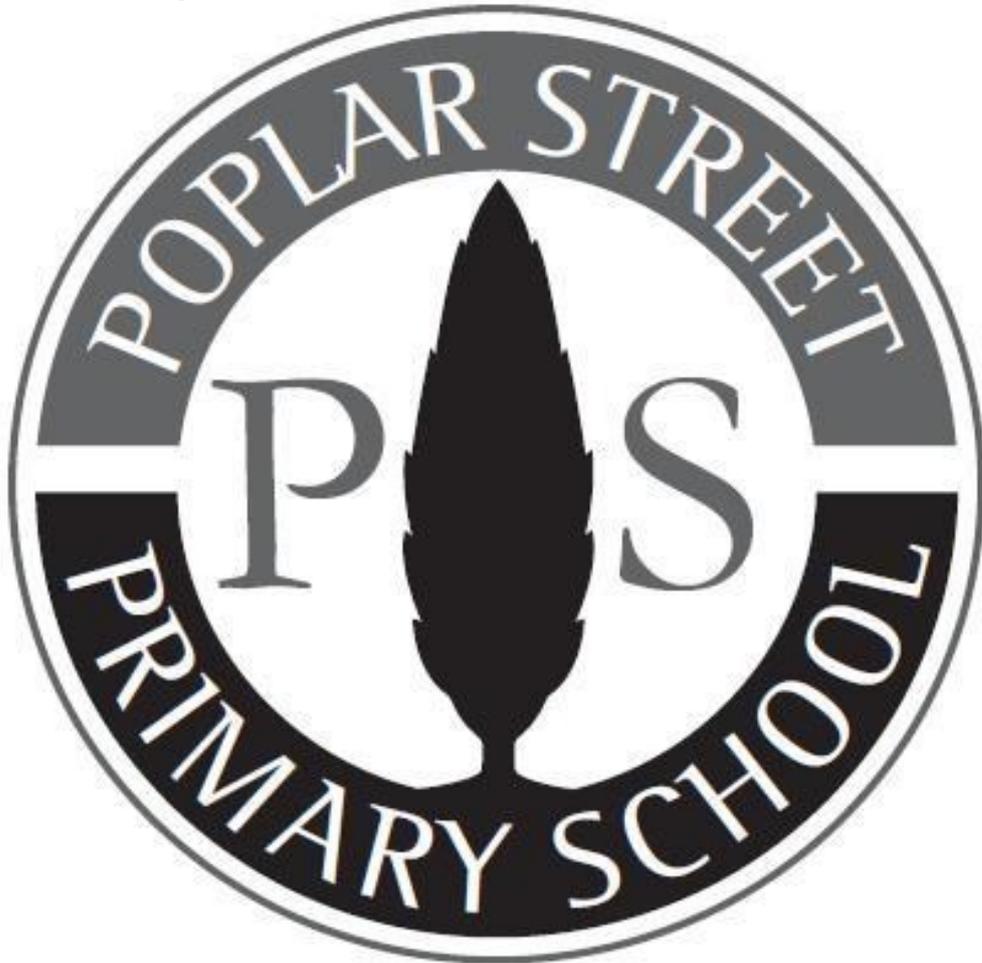


Poppy Post



Year 4

Join  today for updates on your child's day at school. Parents who use it agreed how easy it is to keep track of your child's behaviour in school. They also liked the idea of asking questions from your child's teacher without having to wait on the playground after school.

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Summer Newsletter.

Dear Parents /Carers,

Here are some details about the topics we will be studying until the end of this academic year.

Topics

Our topic for the first half term is '**Are all Europeans the same?**' which is a geography topic, based around European countries: France, Spain, Italy, Russia and Germany. We are looking at each country's geography, culture and climate. In literacy, we are exploring humorous stories and fairy tales. Our class book is Mr. Stink by David Walliams, but we will also be looking at some of his other works. In Art, we are painting pictures, inspired by famous French and Spanish artist, e.g. Picasso, Dali, Monet and Sauret.

Our topic after half term is '**Why were the Romans so Ruthless?**'. We will start off our topic by visiting the Dewa Roman Experience Centre in Chester on 16th June, 2017. There will be a guided tour of the reconstructions, excavations, museum and the award-winning hands-on room. The children will dress as Roman soldiers, armed with battle shields and under the 'strict' instruction of an experienced legionary. Our English topic is based on information texts and we will be writing a non-chronological report.

School Trip:

We will visit the Dewa Roman Experience Centre in Chester on 16th June, 2017. The fee for the trip (£12) is now payable on Parent Pay.

Reading:

We have been assessing reading levels of children, and we moved some children on to the next colour band or free reader after Lime. We would encourage you to use Bug Club and 'I am learning', children can access their reading at home using their unique log-ins. **We are continuing to change reading books every day or when child had finished his/her book. Children can now take books home from our own Year 4 Library! 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 on our comprehension skills, the children are learning new strategies to help them improve their reading further.

Homework, Times tables and Spellings:

Year 4 will have homework set each week on I Am Learning website. Spellings and Times tables practice sheets are also given out on the Friday, and tested the next Wednesday/Friday. 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. 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.

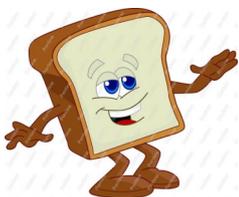
All children must have their earrings removed on their PE/Swimming day and have long hair tied back.

Swimming:

Mrs Wittich's class (4W) is continuing to have swimming lessons till the end of July. 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), also the girls must wear a swimming cap. **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 termly at £6.00, payable on **Parent's Pay.**



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

Future dates:

Monday, 1st May 2017—Bank Holiday, the school will be closed.

Wednesday, 24th May 2017—Sports Day for Year 4

Tuesday, 23rd May 2017—Manchester Singing Challenge

W.B. 8th May 2017—SATs week for Year 6

Friday, 26th May 2017—School finishes for half-term

Monday, 12th June 2017—Back to school

Friday, 16th June 2017—Trip to Chester

W.B. 19th June 2017—Assessment Week

Friday, 28th July 2017—School finishes for Summer

What to do if you need to speak to us:

If you have ClassDojo set up and running, please feel free to message us with any questions or concerns. Alternatively, home-school diaries are a good 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.

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 Mrs Wittich or Miss Doyle.



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