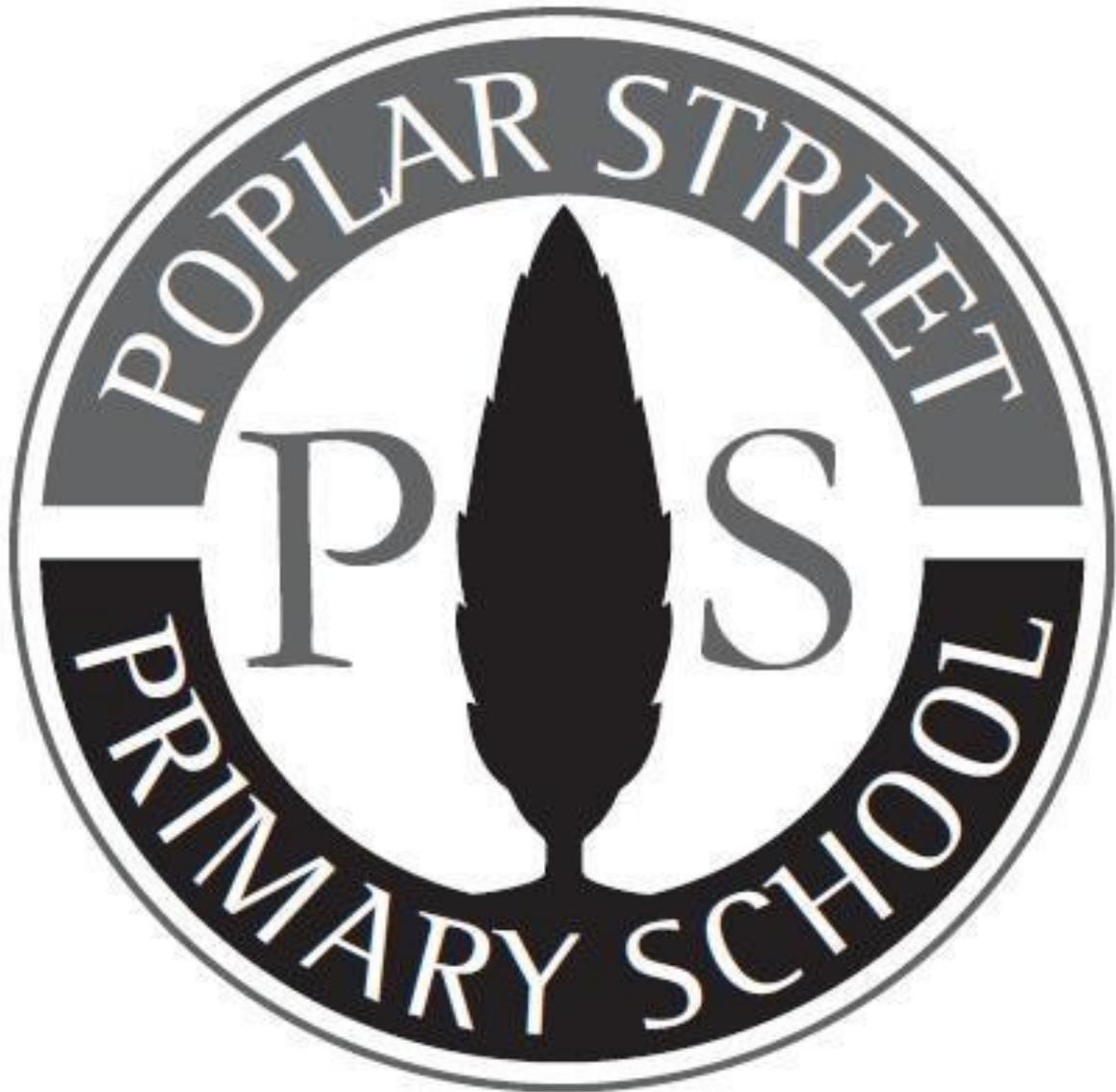


Poppy Post



'Working together-aiming high.'

Year 6 - Spring Term—2018

Join  ClassDojo today for updates on your child's day at school. Parents who have used it agree that it is easy to keep track of your child's behaviour and activities in school. It is also a fantastic way to contact your child's teacher.

Spring Newsletter.

Dear Parents /Carers,

Here are some details about our learning for the next term.

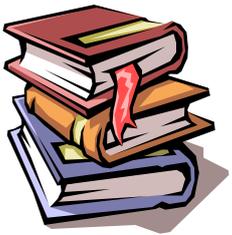
Topics:

Our topics for the whole term are the '**Victorians**' and '**Evolution**'. Our class novel is 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. In English, we will be focusing on Writing, we will be doing a variety of different genres, focusing on vocabulary, composition, grammar and spellings; giving children regular opportunities to up-level their work. We will continue to write to our Greek pen pals in Athens. In Maths, we are focusing arithmetic practice and problem solving, we will be covering Measure, Geometry, Data Handling and a lot of revision.

We will be having a Science Week at the end of the half-term during which we will be focusing on inheritance and evolution.

Reading:

We continue to focus on reading and are asking that all parents sign and date the school planners to show that your child has read either independently or with an adult, at least 3 times per week. This can be a chapter of a book, a newspaper article, a comic, etc. It all counts! We have started a reward scheme to encourage this. Children will receive a raffle ticket entered into a half-termly prize draw, also planners will be checked by the class teachers every Friday.



Children should change their reading books regularly and will be asked to complete a book review about the book they have read before moving onto the next one.

Homework, Times tables and Spellings:

Year 6 children will continue to receive one or two pieces of **English and Maths** homework each week. This is given out on a **Thursday**, to be returned by the following **Monday**. Children are also given **spellings** to practice **and** they will be tested on these the following Wednesday. Our expectation is that all children should know **all times tables and their division fact up to the 12x table**.

Any additional learning your child may wish to do can be accessed on both the I Am Learning Website, Times tables Rockstarts and Spelling Frame.

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. Long hair must be tied up for school.

PE:

PE for both classes is on Tuesday 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. 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.**

Snacks:

We offer water for all children 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. Please note any squash/sports drinks/fizzy drinks are not allowed in school and will be sent back home at the end of the day.

Milk is offered via the school milk scheme which is payable through ParentPay. Please could we remind parents that they should only send a healthy snack into school for morning break. Children wanting to pay for a school snack, should do so via Parent Pay. If you have any questions regarding this, then please contact the office directly.

Future dates:

Tuesday 5th January—back to school

w/c 5th February 2018—assessment week

Friday 16th February 2018—school finishes for half term

Monday 26th February 2018—back to school

w/c 12th February 2018 – parents' meetings

Thursday 29th March 2018—finish for Easter holidays

Monday 16th April 2018—back to school

What to do if you need to speak to us:

ClassDojo is a great way to communicate messages between parents and teachers. If you need help with signing up or logging in, please see Mrs Wittich.

Also, Mrs Latimer is always on duty at the start of the school day at the Upper School door entrance if you need to talk to a member of staff in person.

For more information about what's happening in Year 6, visit the Year 6 web page at www.poplarstreet.tameside.sch.uk where you will find weekly news as well as our continually updated Twitter feed.



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