

## Poplars Summer Newsletter April 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,  
Welcome back after Easter!



We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and are feeling fully refreshed and ready for the summer term. We are looking forward to some good weather and exciting learning ahead. Below is a brief overview of some of the learning and activities that we will be covering in class this term.

### Maths

During the Summer Term, we learn about fractions, learn to tell the time, investigate the properties of shape and use data to complete charts and graphs. Children will continue to learn and revise their times tables using TTRS and other strategies. Throughout all maths lessons, reasoning and problem-solving will be woven into lessons to deepen understanding.



### English

During our writing sessions, we will use a range of lovely books as our inspiration for writing. Some of the titles will include 'Flotsam', 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' and 'The Thames and the Tide Club'. We will be learning to write interesting descriptions of settings, persuasive letters, stories with dialogue and diaries.

### Reading

Whole class and group reading will continue into the summer term. We have some great books to get our teeth into. The children will dive into exciting stories, different forms of poetry and non-fiction. We focus on comprehension skills and encourage the children to learn new vocabulary which helps them to make meaning from the text.

## Science

In the first half term, our science learning will begin with a focus on 'light'. The children will use their enquiry skills to explore how shadows are created; how light is reflected off different surfaces and how light from the sun is damaging and how we can protect ourselves from its rays. The children will make systematic and careful observations, collect data and record results. After half term, we will understand how to 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle', in our topic on sustainability.



## Geography



We are excited to learn about rivers in this Geography topic. We will learn how rivers are formed and how they are used. This term, our Year 3 residential in May will link with our topic. We will visit Dartmoor and find a source of a river and then discover where the river ends with a trip to the coast and to Northum Burrows.

## History

In the second half of the term, we will be learning about Ancient Egyptians and ask the question, 'What was important to the Ancient Egyptians?' This topic is always a fascinating one which children thoroughly enjoy. We will learn about Egypt's location; how the Ancient Egyptians used the River Nile and what they believed in.



## Art and Design Technology

In Art, we will be linking with our history topic to produce Egyptian inspired art.

## PE

Our PE day for the first half term will change to a Thursday. We are lucky to have some experienced cricket coaches coming into school to deliver dedicated PE lessons. Children should come to school with appropriate PE kit on this day. Please ensure that footwear is suitable and safe for running and physical activity. After May half term, our PE day will return to a Tuesday.

### **Home Learning**

Home learning will be sent home on **Thursdays** and should be returned by the following **Tuesday**. Each week, children will receive reading, maths and spelling activities.

Children also have logins for Times Table Rock Stars. Regular use of this resource is extremely helpful for building fluency and confidence with multiplication tables.

Reading at home has enormous benefits, supporting both fluency and comprehension. Children should read several times a week, and it is very helpful if an adult adds a short comment and date in the reading journal and ensure that reading packs are brought in daily.

Both myself and our Year 3 team are looking forward to our last term with our Year 3 children. It's always a busy term, especially with our residential ahead of us. I am very much looking forward to seeing them develop and grow as they approach their final term and prepare for Year 4.

### **Dates for your Year 3 diary:**

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 Residential**
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2:50pm - You are invited to our Year 3 class assembly**

As always, please do come and speak to me if you have any questions. I am always happy to help.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Keat and the Year 3 team.**