



# PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

## YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

### Autumn Term - 2019



#### Literacy



This half term, as part of our recount genre, Year 4 are going to be creating their very own Tudor diary entries about the beheading of Anne Boleyn! The children will be exploring the features of diaries, writing the recount with a clear audience and form. We will be reading 'The Thief, the Fool and the Big Fat King' as our quality text. This links nicely with our topic 'Off With Your Head!' Using this quality text, the children will be planning and writing their own version of the story adding effective character description.

#### Maths



In our maths lessons, we will begin by focussing on counting backwards through zero to include negative numbers. Next, the children will be learning to count in multiples of 6,7,9,25 and 1000. Then, the focus will be on learning the formal written methods of addition and subtraction; using inverse operations to check answers to calculations.

#### Science

During Science lessons, the children will identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with vibrations. They will learn that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. The children will find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.

#### History

This half term, our topic is 'Off With Your Head' and we will be studying the Tudors. The children will use a timeline to understand and order events. We will be learning about the circumstances that led up to the Tudor reign and all about Henry VIII and his six wives.

#### PE

Each Wednesday and Friday afternoon, Year 4 will participate in a wide variety of aerobic games that aim to develop hand/eye co-ordination and balance with professional coaches.

#### Computing

The children will be learning how to create a webpage all about the Tudors. They need to give thought to it's audience and include links, images and embedded media.

#### Art and Design

In Art and Design, we will be making our own 3D Tudor Roses and researching Tudor portraits. We will be learning how to sketch portraits of the Tudor kings and queens, using techniques to create effects.

#### RE

In RE, the children will learn how people of different religions help us. The children will be able to describe some of the beliefs and features of religion through their actions and make links between beliefs and sources.

#### Reminders

- Ensure children complete and return their homework each week—homework given out on Friday and should be returned the following **Wednesday**.
- Reading books need to be brought into school **every day**. This allows us to read with your children daily.
- Encourage your child to read longer stories and novels, particularly books of their choice or related to class topics.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week. Year 4 PE days are **Wednesday and Friday** but this can change so we advise that children leave a kit, in a named bag, on their peg all week.
- Please label all your child's clothes with their name—it always makes it easier to locate lost items of clothing at the end of a school day.
- Please keep us up to date with who will be collecting your child from school each day by updating your named adult list kept in school.
- Do come and speak to us at the end of a school day or by phone if you have any questions or concerns.
- Please ensure your child is in school on time everyday.