



# PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

## Reception NEWSLETTER



### COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE & LITERACY



We continue to go into key groups each morning where we practise writing our name and our letter formation. We will also be introducing our new topic 'Transport through time.' Children are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas on topics and indicate where they would like the topic to go.

Children take part in weekly Guided Reading and writing sessions where they are all supported to develop their literacy skills. Children revise taught letters until they can confidently recognise them and then are taught new letter sounds and tricky words. It is really important that they practise recognising and recording these at home.

### MATHEMATICS



We will be looking at numbers and shapes and are planning activities to help your child with their next steps in learning. Some children are working with numbers to 10, 20 and 50. We encourage counting at every opportunity possible and are supporting the children to recognise numbers in the environment as well as being able to order them correctly. We will be working with 2D and 3D shapes using them for a range of different activities including making pictures, models. Children will also be using money and a range of measures e.g. weighing, height and length.

### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD



This term we will be looking at transport through time. We will be looking at different forms of transport including trains, cars, buses and rockets. We will also be looking at how transport has changed over time. We will be following the children's interests closely to move forward with a new topic. We are hoping to go on an educational visit linked to our topic as well as inviting visitors into our school. This will enhance our learning and further develop our knowledge and understanding. We will be investigating concepts such as floating and sinking and carrying out our own experiments.

### PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Throughout the term Reception will continue to talk about getting along with each other, recognising and respecting the feelings and beliefs of each other and developing their social skills. They will be thinking about the consequences of their actions and why we have certain rules in our school. We have a behaviour board in our classroom where children can earn green happy faces for positive behaviour and good work. If they receive three or more in a day they receive a treat. Children can also receive sad red faces with consequences being: 1- A warning 2- time on the thinking chair 3- time out of their classroom with another member of staff to reflect upon their behaviour.

### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT



Children will continue their physical development through P.E sessions with our coach every **Thursday**. The children will have access to our outdoors everyday in which they can use bikes, scooters and other wheeled toys. Children also have the space to run and move in a larger space to help develop large gross motor skills.

We will be focusing on staying safe and keeping healthy linked to our topic e.g. road safety

### EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN



Children will be encouraged to create their own transport models using junk materials. We will be learning new songs and dances linked to transport. Children will be part of creating our new role play areas using their imagination to make transport themed roleplays such as trains, rockets and emergency vehicles. We will be investigating making patterns with wheels and making marks.

### HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Ensure you get your child to school on time so that they don't miss learning opportunities and inputs. **Remember our school day is 9am-3pm**
- Ensure children have their P.E kits at school every **Thursday**.
- Practise new letter sounds/ words as they are sent home with your child.
- If your child is not yet writing their full name independently practise this daily at home.
- Practise recognising numbers and ordering them with your child. (By the end of Reception all children should be able to recognise and order numbers to twenty.)
- If you have wellies at home send them in labelled with your child's name. Also a spare set of clothes to leave at school would be useful. We access the outdoors in all weathers and we often get soggy socks and uniforms whilst we are learning and having lots of fun.
- Make sure children are dressed appropriately for the weather and they bring a coat to school each day.
- Send in any cardboard boxes or cleaned out plastic containers for us to use in our creative area for junk modelling and other creations.



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## Nursery NEWSLETTER



### COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE & LITERACY

Every morning and home time the children go into their key groups and they are encouraged to speak confidently about their likes, interests and any news they would like to share. We try to develop vocabulary by introducing new activities and resources. We encourage children to ask questions to help develop their own knowledge & understanding. They are also encouraged to listen to others. All children will take part in discrete phonics activities which include listening, rhyming, alliteration, sounding out words, and saying individual sounds in words. Children will share many books with staff in the hope that they will be able to retell stories that are familiar to them.

### MATHEMATICS



We will be completing lots of practical activities related to numbers in which children will have the opportunity to count items. We will sing many number rhymes and songs to make children understand the order that numbers come in. Children will be encouraged to count aloud saying the numbers in the correct order. They will practise counting items by moving them and saying the correct numbers. We will focus on numbers that may be familiar to children e.g. their age or a number on their door and we will begin to recognise and identify these numbers. We will also be working with shapes. Children will be taught the names of 2D shapes and they will complete practical activities with them e.g. making pictures and models.



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### PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



As our new starters join us all children and staff will be getting to know each other in key groups. Children will be encouraged to form relationships with each other and be able to share and co-operate in the classroom. They will be thinking about the consequences of their actions and why we have certain rules in our school. We have a behaviour board in our classroom where children can earn green happy faces for positive behaviour and good work. If they receive three or more in a day they receive a treat. Children can also receive sad red faces with consequences being: 1- A warning 2- time on the thinking chair 3- time out of their classroom with another member of staff to reflect upon their behaviour.



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