



# PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

## YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



I am very lucky to be teaching year 1 this year. I am a new teacher at Plains Farm and the children have made me feel very welcome. Miss Griffith and I are looking forward to the year ahead. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.



### LITERACY

In Literacy we will initially start with Julia Donaldson, reading the book, 'The Everywhere Bear'. We will sequence and re-tell stories and begin to write our own. We will focus on writing lists and captions and build up our knowledge of sentence structure. We will also be writing some persuasive texts inviting parents to a teddy bear picnic. We will continue to have daily phonic sessions and daily guided reading.

### MATHS



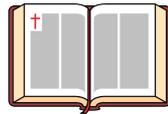
In maths we will consolidate our knowledge of the number system recognising and recording numbers to 100. We will count everyday both forwards and backwards and from various starting points. We will relate addition and subtraction to real life practical problems. Each week we will consider problem solving in a context. We will also begin to look at measurement, measuring our friends and different parts of our bodies.



### PE/RE



In P.E we will have a coach every Wednesday with the children. Every Friday afternoon there will be a footy phonics coach in, linking with our phonics sessions. In R.E we will be looking at special people in our lives and special people across all religions.



### SCIENCE



In Science we will look at animals from all around the world. We will research our own animals creating our own fact books. We will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will sort them into groups including omnivores, herbivores and carnivores. We will draw animals and label their body parts and compare similarities and differences between them. We will also begin exploring our five senses.



### ART / DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

In Art and Design we will be using a range of materials creatively to design and make products. Initially linked to our topic we will create self portraits as well as painting and drawing a range of animals. We will consider art work by famous artists such as Piet Mondrian.

### COMPUTING



In computing we will work on typing text into a Word document and change the colour and size of the font. We will sort animals in different ways using given criteria and their own. Create graphs about their pets/favourite animals. (Links to maths) Use online encyclopaedia to find information about animals. (Links to Literacy)

### GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

In Geography we will look at the book 'The Detective Dog' by Julia Donaldson. This book is about a dog who finds missing things by his sense of smell. We will use this as inspiration for drawing our own maps of the classroom and the school to find things. We will also have a go at using maps to find things within our local area.

### MUSIC



In music we will listen to music representing different animals (Carnival of the animals) and choose the best movements to represent the different animals. Children will create a short dance of their chosen animal.

### HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

Please listen to your child read regularly at home and ensure that comments are placed in their diary. The children will be given homework on a Friday due back the following Wednesday and it will reflect on what we are learning. It is very important that this is completed and returned to school. Please ensure that your child has a school P.E. kit and that it is brought into school on a Monday and taken home every Friday.