



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term - 2017



LITERACY

We are going to continue to develop our Literacy through reading, role play, planning, drafting and editing our own work. We will explore a variety of texts, linked to the class topic such as 'Littlenose' and 'Stone Age Boy'. We will explore writing through: narratives in the first and third person, instructions and recounts. We will also explore different genres of writing through other subject areas.



MATHS

In maths lessons we will continue to develop our knowledge, fluency and problem solving skills. We will begin by exploring number, including, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, then move on to measurement towards the end of the term. We will also develop our mathematical reasoning skills through a variety of activities.



Science

We will explore rocks linked to our overall topic of the Stone Age, exploring different types of rocks and their properties. In the second half of the term we will explore magnets and forces.

History

We will study the civilisations of England and the rest of the world during the Stone Age and the changes that came about at the beginning of the Iron Age.

We will explore the day to day life of Stone Age people, focusing on questions the children have asked such as, what did people eat then? How did they stay warm? How do we know about the Stone Age?

PE

We will continue to develop basic PE skills, such as moving in different ways, moving around objects, throwing, catching and balancing in different ways.

Art and Design

We will explore the early cave art of Stone Age people and use it as a stimulus to create our own charcoal pictures and paintings with the use of natural colours and our hands.

Computing

We will explore and develop a better understanding of computer networks. In the second half of the term we will move on to understanding algorithms and programming before creating our own simple computer programme.

Music

During music lessons we will be exploring how to use sound to help us imagine settings and animals, and develop our understanding and use of rhythmic patterns.

RE

We will explore different kinds of Christian symbols, where they are found and what we can learn from them in churches. We will also explore the meaning of Christmas and why Advent is important to Christians.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Ensure children complete and return their homework each week—homework will be given out on Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday.
- Read as frequently as possible with your child, including books from school, longer stories and novels.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week. Year 3 PE days are Monday and Tuesday.
- 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.
- Provide a water bottle which children should take home every day to be cleaned and returned to school the following day.