



# PLAINS FARM ACADEMY



## YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

### Autumn Term

#### LITERACY



The children will be practising their writing skills across the genres by writing diary entries, newspaper reports, explanation texts and recounts.

#### MATHEMATICS



The children will continue to develop their maths knowledge through practicing fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

In particular this term the children will develop their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.

#### Science



In science we will become electricity enthusiasts! We will discuss everyday appliances that use electricity, design our own life-changing inventions, design and test simple circuits and discuss the differences between insulators and conductors.

#### History

We will delve into the mysterious lives of the Vicious Vikings this half term! We will discover how our lives differ to those of Viking families, explore Viking traditions and religion, and even sample some interesting Viking cuisine!



Our class novel is *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell.



#### PE

Is your child Britain's next budding Olympian? This term we will be developing our athletic skills in PE!

#### Art and Design

The children will be using inspiration from our History work to design their own shields and Viking armour. We will also experiment with creating landscapes and scenery.

#### Computing

We will focus on our understanding of search engines, computer programming and e-safety.

#### Music

This term we will be looking at creating and developing the children's musical ideas as well listening to and appreciating music.

#### RE

The children will be learning all about Christianity and how Christians teach others about the love of Jesus. We will explore the story of Jesus' birth and advent.

#### HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Practise spellings with your child. Spellings are given out each Monday and children are tested each Friday.
- Help your child with their homework. Homework is given out each Friday and collected back in the following Wednesday. If your child needs extra support with their homework, they are welcome to attend Homework Club every Friday 3:15-4:00 with me.
- Continue to read with your child and record this in your child's home reading diary.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school. Year 4 PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays 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 makes it easier to locate lost items 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.