



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term



LITERACY



We will continue to develop our Literacy skills through reading, role play, planning, drafting and editing our work this year. Our first class novel will be *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo which will introduce the children to a style of writing and story telling appropriate to year 5.

We will explore writing genres such as novels as a theme, stories from other cultures, magazine articles and poems with different structures.

Our Autumn topic of Asian Adventure will also feature heavily within our topic writing.

MATHEMATICS



Maths lessons in the autumn term will focus mainly on number and place value as this underpins the entire maths curriculum.

Within maths lessons, children will learn the value of digits working with numbers up to 1 million, ordering numbers up to 1 million, rounding numbers and working with Roman numerals up to 1000.

We will continue to develop our knowledge of formal written calculations working with numbers up to 5 digits.

RE

In the autumn term, the children will develop their understanding of Christianity further by exploring the lives of the Northern Saints and the meaning of Christmas.

PE

This term, the children will be taking part in swimming lessons at Sandhill View Academy.

Art and Design

We will be looking at a range of famous artists from Asia and creating pieces in a similar style. In the autumn term we will enjoy baking for some of the upcoming school events and we will also create models using Asia as our influence.

Music

We will be learning to compose our own music using a range of instruments and ICT programmes. Alongside this, we will be learning to critique our own performances and compositions.

Geography

In geography lessons, we will be looking at the study of another continent. The continent year 5 have chosen to explore is Asia so we'll be looking in depth at the countries and cities which make up the largest continent in the world. We will develop our map skills and look at weather patterns, geographical symbols and the contrasting cultures of Asia and Europe.

Computing

The children will continue to develop their skills within the computing curriculum. This term we will be looking at using data to create graphs, charts and databases. We will also develop our typing speed and create non traditional presentations for a specific purpose.

Science

Science in the autumn term will focus on living things and their habitats and properties and changes of materials. We will be conducting experiments and writing these up using a range of scientific vocabulary.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Ensure children complete and return their homework each week—they will receive new homework every Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.
- Continue to read with your child, particularly books of their choice and related to class topics.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week and full swimming kit on a Thursday. Please label all your child's clothes with their name—it always make 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 the school day, or by phone, if you have any questions or concerns.
- Please ensure your child is in school on time everyday—learning begins at 8.50 each morning.
- Provide a water bottle which should be clearly labelled with your child's name, and taken home each day to be cleaned and returned to school the following day.