



# PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

## YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



### LITERACY



The children will continue to read for pleasure and take part in reading the class novel, which will be 'Goodnight Mr Tom'

The children will be writing instructions on making a variety of crafts to represent artefacts and life from the past. The children will spend time posing questions and researching information during this time- creating their own writing including, an information text and a newspaper report as well as a biography. The children will write diaries from evacuees points of view. We will be reading the text 'Rose Blance' to look at the point of view of German children during World War 2.

### RE

In RE the children will look at the effects from World War 2 on religion, in particular, Judaism.

### PE

The children will develop their understanding of the benefits of exercise through hand tennis and tactical games.

### Art and Design

The children will create drawings and paintings to show representation of events from World War 2. In Design children will build an air raid shelter and test the strength of the materials they have used

### Music

Children will be listening to wartime inspired music to create an image of music from the past. During this topic the children will learn how mood and emotion can be illustrated in music.

### MATHEMATICS



The children will continue to develop their maths knowledge and skills.

In maths we will be learning to use coordinates to read maps and plot reference points. We will be using measuring skills to learn about rationing, linked to World War 2. To solve problems, linked to World Wars, we will be using effective strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be looking at embedding the children's knowledge of place value.

### History

In our topic work we will be focussing on history and how and why World War 2 began. The children will place significant events from World War 2 on a timeline. They will investigate homes, leisure activities, lifestyles, religion and beliefs, important people, difference between rich/poor lifestyles. The children will learn how events in the past have affected life today. They will use a range of sources to investigate World War 2.

### Computing

The children will develop their understanding of how to use a range of sources to check validity and recognise different view points. The children will learn the term 'plagiarism'.

### Science

In science, we will be learning about light and electricity. We plan to use a range of materials to create a war light, circuit and Morse code devices.

### 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. Year 6 PE days are Monday and Thursday, 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 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.

Miss Wilkinson, Mrs Quill and Mr Thompson are always available at the beginning and end of every school day, please speak to us if we can help with any queries or concerns.