



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term - 2019



Literacy



At the start of this half term, Year 3 will be exploring and writing a non-chronological report on volcanoes. We will be examining leaflets and their features to be able to successfully write their own. In the second half of the half term we will be exploring 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christine Balit as our quality text in the run up to writing our own narrative linked to volcanoes.

Maths



In our Maths lessons, we will begin by exploring 2D shapes. We will explore how to accurately draw them and define their properties. Then we will move on to estimating answers to addition and subtraction calculations and the relationship between addition and subtraction. Following on from this, we will be moving on to adding fractions with the same denominator, angles as a property of a shape and we will finish the half term looking at time on 12 and 24 hour clocks.

Science

During Science lessons, we will be looking at plants. We will explore different parts of a plant and their function, discuss and carry out investigations to determine what a plant needs to grow and survive as well as looking at how water is transported in a plant, seed dispersal and the life cycle of a plant.

Design Technology

In Design Technology, the children will practice basic skills such as cutting, joining and moulding. They will design and plan their own volcano sculptures and consider ways to make it function. The children will make and paint their sculptures using textures and layers before evaluating their own work. The children will finish the half term making their

PE

This half term, the children will be taking part in a wide variety of aerobic games that aim to develop hand/eye co-ordination and balance with a coach from the Foundation of Light. When weather permits, the children will be able to use the MUGA for PE sessions.

Computing

In our computing sessions we will be experimenting with communicating and collaborating online. This will be done using Purple Mash, which is secure software. The children will have the opportunity to use the ICT suite to explore emails and file sharing.

Art and Design

Linking to our topic 'Angry Earth' we will be exploring the work of Andy Warhol, particularly his painting of Vesuvius. We will practice pressing, rolling, rubbing and stamping and will use these techniques to recreate Andy Warhol's painting.

RE

In RE, we will be focusing on Christianity, particularly Easter celebrations. We will look at what Christians do to celebrate Palm Sunday and discuss the sacrifice that Jesus made. We will explore symbols in Christianity and their importance as well as looking at expressions of beliefs.

Music

We will continue to develop our singing skills and understanding of musical vocabulary through Charanga software and perform our music around a particular theme.

Reminders

- Ensure children complete and return their homework each week—homework given out on Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday.
- Reading books should be brought into school every day. This allows us to read with your children and change their books regularly.
- Please try to encourage your child to practice their multiplication tables daily as a sound understanding is vital especially as they progress through school.
- Year 3 PE is on a Wednesday but this can change so we advise that children bring their PE kit in on Monday and leave it, on their peg until the end of the week.
- 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.
- We are available to speak to at the end of a school day or by phone if you have any questions or concerns. We are glad to help and support in any way needed.
- Please ensure your child is in school on time everyday as lateness results in loss of learning.