



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term - 2019



LITERACY



In Literacy this half term we are going to develop our narrative skills by retelling a three part story called 'George and the dragon'. Within our literacy lessons we will be looking at sentence structures, description using a range of adjectives, setting and the use of punctuation. We will also be learning more factual information about castles starting with a visit from historians from Hylton Castle. We will then create a non chronological report about Castles.

MATHS



In maths lessons we will work on our understanding of number and place value including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will read numbers to 100 in words and use this within addition and subtraction sentences. We will also learn about some 2D and 3D shapes as well as learning more about length and height. Within all our maths activities we will use concrete, pictorial and abstract methods.

DT

During DT we will build structures, explore and use different mechanisms. We will link all of our work to our Castles topic. To begin we will follow a design criteria to make a moving picture of a dragon using a slider. We will also learn about levers, wheels and axles. After each design we will evaluate our work and discuss the strengths and difficulties we came across.

Science

During Science lessons we will develop our knowledge of materials. We will compare and group the suitability of everyday materials as well as learning about how some materials can change shape. We will also complete an investigation to see which material is the most absorbent.

PE

In PE we are going to be working alongside a specialist sports coach developing our agility, co-ordination and balance. We will also develop our dancing skills.

Art and Design

In Art we are going to be creating various 3D objects. To start we will link our art work to our Castles topic and make clay dragon eyes after designing and sketching them.

Computing

We will begin by looking at the different ways messages can be sent eg: letters, telephone, email, text and develop our understanding that messages can be sent electronically over distances. We will also look at how an email can be used to send messages electronically and people can reply to emails.

Music

We will be using a recorder alongside our singing. We will learn a new song called 'Hands, feet, heart' and discuss the technical language around music. As well as perfecting our

RE

Within RE we will be learning all about the life of Venerable Bede, We will look at what we can learn from him and how his life is remembered today.

Reminders

- Ensure children complete and return their homework each week—homework given out on Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday.
- Encourage your child to read at least three times a week and return their book to school daily in case there are opportunities to listen to them read in school.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week. Year 2 PE is on Monday and Friday 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 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.
- Please ensure your child is in school on time everyday.
- Do come and speak to us at the end of a school day or by phone if you have any questions or concerns.