



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

Year 2 Newsletter



Welcome Back

Welcome to the Spring Term! This term is jam packed with lots of lovely learning opportunities for the children with the introduction of our topic Time Tunnel: Fire, fire! Later on in the term, I'll be holding a meeting about the end of Key Stage Assessment (SATs) which will be coming up in May. As always, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to see myself or Miss Hodgson.

Mr Stewart



Literacy

This term, the children will continue to develop key skills in literacy. They will continue to have daily phonics and SPaG lessons as well as weekly guided reading sessions. The children will have the opportunity to develop their narrative writing when looking at animal adventure stories. They will also develop non-fiction writing in the form of letters and recounts.

Mathematics



In maths lessons, the children will have daily tables practise to build their confidence and knowledge of number facts from the 2,3,5 and 10 times tables. We will continue to develop written methods for the four areas of calculation and look at fractions of number. In addition to this, the children will develop their understanding of properties of shape and measures using real life and practical equipment.



History and Geography

In history the children will be learning all about the Great Fire of London and comparing it to the more local Great Fire of Gateshead. The children will develop their research skills by using a range of resources. Geography lessons will focus in the UK and the surrounding seas. This will lead on to the children learning about the five oceans of the world and the seven continents.

Science



As scientists, we will be looking at animals, including humans. This will lead us on to looking at living things and their habitats. As part of this topic, we will be visiting the Centre for Life in Newcastle and taking part in a habitats workshop.

PE

During PE lessons, the children will continue to develop and master basic movements and develop balance, agility and co-ordination through a range of exciting games and activities. Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them on a daily basis.



Computing and Music



In computing the children will learn how to create graphs and interpret data. They will also use a range of programmable toys to develop their understanding of how a computer processes instructions and commands.

Miss Lowe will continue teaching music every Wednesday.

PSHCE and RE

The children will learn more about what it means to belong to a Christian community and how beliefs affect values and individuals. The children will also learn more about Easter and why it is an important celebration for Christians.



Art and Design

The children will have the opportunity to develop a range of art and design skills this term. They will be responsible for designing displays throughout the learning environment. They will also have the opportunity to develop their skills in collage and paint effects using different forms, such as rag rolling, combing and rolling.

Additional information

- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on a Monday morning. They will return this home on a Friday.
- Please ensure your child brings a coat with them to school each day.
- Homework will be given out on a Friday and must be returned on a Wednesday. This will consist of a spelling and maths task linked to learning which has taken place that week.
- Please ensure your child has their home reader with them each day. Their books will be changed weekly and a member of staff in school will listen to them read. It would be helpful if you could write a short comment in their reading journal once you have listened to them read at home.
- Please remember the school day for KS1 starts at 8.50am. Anyone arriving after this time will have to go to the school office and sign in as the KS1 doors will be locked and teaching will have started.