



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term - 2019



Literacy



In Literacy this term we are going to be learning how to write a four part narrative with clear use of sub-ordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions. For this we will retell the story of 'The Great Kapok Tree' which links in well with our current topic 'Rumble in the Jungle'. We will also go on a class trip to Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens and write a recount in role considering language and vocabulary choices.

Maths

In maths lessons this half term we will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills using pictorial representations and abstract methods. We will also be learning more about fractions and equivalent fractions. We will learn about position and direction and how objects can form a sequence. Finally, we will look at time and how to read quarter to and quarter past times as well as reading time to the nearest 5 minute interval.



Science

In Science we will develop our knowledge of plants by observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will also find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy

Geography

This half term we will be comparing the rainforest to the polar regions in a range of ways. We will use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic physical and human features. We will say what types of buildings are found in different locations. Finally, we will create perspective plans that include simple keys and compass directions.

PE

In PE we are going to be working alongside a specialist yoga teacher. We will learn new skills each week and develop our knowledge on the importance of exercise. We will also begin to practise for the year 2 skipping festival which is held in June.

Computing

This half term in computing we will be developing our understanding of how a computer processes instructions and commands. We will also learn about how devices or on screen turtles are controlled by sequences of instructions or actions, and that these can be inputted using icons or by text.

Art and Design

In Art we are going to be learning about textiles. We will look at the work of a range of artists and create our own jungle puppets using a running stitch.

RE

In RE we will be learning all about Easter. We will start by learning about Shrove Tuesday and why we eat pancakes. Then we will learn about Ash Wednesday and the meaning of Lent. We will finish by looking at how Lent comes to an end and why we have Easter eggs.

Music

We will continue to use a range of musical equipment and technical language through the use of Charanga. We will learn a new song and deepen our understanding of how to perform in a round.

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 day is 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.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school daily
- Do come and speak to us at the end of a school day or by phone if you have any questions or concerns.