



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1 2017



LITERACY

We will be reading 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura to link with our new topic 'From the Stone Age to the Iron Age.'



The children will be applying their knowledge of poetic language to descriptive writing including a diary entry and a rewrite of the story using what we learn through the topic.

MATHEMATICS



The children will continue to develop their maths knowledge and skills. We will be looking at fractions of numbers as well as addition and subtraction.

The class will be practising times tables every day, especially the 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s before we move onto the 6 times tables. Children are doing weekly speed tables tests to see how they are improving all the time!

Science

Year 3 will transform in to **ROCK STARS** as we find out more about rocks and fossils, including how to identify and group them and how fossils are formed when things become trapped in soil.

History

We will be looking at life during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. By looking at artefacts that have survived thousands of years, we will uncover the lives of the people and the changes they made to British society.

PE

The class will continue their lessons with our Sports coach on a Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. This half term the focus will be Hockey.

Computing

The children will continue to develop their understanding of how to use search technologies and how to perform basic functions such as creating documents, saving documents and copy and paste.

Art and Design

The children will be discovering what it was like to be a cave painter during the Stone Age by painting their very own caves. They will also be sculpting their very own artefact made from clay.

RE

The children will continue to explore the life of Jesus and the role of Christianity in our world today.



Music

Miss Lowe, our music coach, will continue to take the class on a journey around the world through music. Covering a different country each week, the main focus will be on folk music and how the songs tell a story.



HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Work with your child on their new homework projects. Also continue to practise their spellings each week. Spellings will be given on a Monday and their test will be on the Friday of that week.
- 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 3 PE is on a Tuesday and Wednesday.
- 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 Smith is always available at the beginning and end of every school day for any queries .