



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term - 2017



LITERACY



We are going to continue to develop our Literacy through reading, role play, planning, drafting and editing our own work. Our class novel this term is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. We will continue to practise our writing skills across the genres by writing information texts, short stories, reports and poetry.

Science

During Science lessons we will develop our knowledge of materials and how they change. The class will visit the Life Science Centre, using the labs to explore how to mix and separate solutions. We then move on to exploring and measuring forces.

PE

We will continue to work with coaches to develop a variety of skills including football and tennis. We will also continue to develop our swimming skills.

Art and Design

As part of our class topic we will explore the chocolate and sweet advertisements of the past and use them as a stimulus for creating and drawing our own. We will also explore the work of Andy Warhol and use his art techniques in our poster and chocolate wrapper art work.

Music

We will develop our composing skills and understanding of musical vocabulary through 'Garage Band' software and compose and perform their own music.

MATHS



In maths lessons we will continue to develop our knowledge and maths skills, applying them to problem solving more regularly. We will continue to explore the four operations alongside work on understanding statistics, angles, perimeter, area, fractions and decimals.

Geography

We will explore the land the Maya people inhabited and how it developed along with them and after then to become modern Mexico. We will learn about how the lands developed for farming and later were taken over by different civilisations. We will then explore trade links with the rest of the world.

Computing

We will begin to explore computer algorithms and begin to create our own simple computer programs.

RE

We will begin to understand why groups of people take part in pilgrimage and continue to learn about the northern saints.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Ensure children complete and return their homework each week—homework given out on Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday.
- 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 5 PE days are 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.
- Do come and speak to us at the end of a school day or by phone if you have any questions or concerns.