



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term - 2018



LITERACY

This term we will be writing stories with a mysterious or 'spooky' atmosphere. To complement this style of writing we will explore the use of pronouns, modal verbs, repetition of clauses and narrators comment to the reader.



Later in the term we will move on to writing non-chronological reports linked to the class topic about World War 1. We will explore shifts in the level of formality to suit the form our report takes, such as a webpage or leaflet.

MATHS

Over the next half term in maths the children will develop their skills linked fractions, percentages and decimals; angles; measurement including perimeter, mass area; and volume and place value. We will continue to develop and further explore problem solving and reasoning skills within each of these areas.



Science

The children will further develop their understanding of electricity to identify the effect of changing one component in a circuit and designing and making a useful circuit such as a burglar alarm or traffic light.

PE

The children will continue to take part in weekly yoga classes to continue to develop their core strength, muscle tone and over-all fitness.

Art and Design

As part of the overall topic the children will explore textiles and how they have changed over time. They will then design and make their own 'proggy mat' using scraps of material—in keeping with the mats produced during World War 1. In the run up to Christmas we will be designing and making products to sell at the school fayre.

History

Over the next three half terms we will be exploring different aspects and the impact of World War 1. We will explore the reasons the war began and the countries involved in it, before following the children's interests and questions about other aspects.

The class visit to Beamish at the beginning of November will allow the children a glimpse of what life was like just before and during the war and provide starting points for further work back in the classroom.

We will also use the class novel 'Private Peaceful' as a starting point for some of our classroom work.

Computing

The children will use software to create models of everyday objects before moving on to coding later in the term.

Music

The children will continue to develop their understanding of musical vocabulary and types of music while composing their own music using iPads and various composing and sampling software.

RE

We will explore what the gospels tell people about Jesus in the build up to Christmas.

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 longer stories and novels, particularly books of their choice or related to class topics.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week. Year 6 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 your contact details, 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.
- Please ensure your child is in school on time everyday.
- Make time for children to attend extra 'study groups' when they are asked.