



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term - 2018



Literacy



This half term, Year 4 are going to be learning about persuasive writing.

As we currently reading 'The River Ran Wild' as our quality text, the children will be exploring the controversial subject of pollution and how humans have a major part to play in looking after our environment. Letters will be written to persuade industrial factory owners to stop dumping waste in the Nashua

Maths



In our Maths lessons, we will begin by focussing on multiplication and division, solving calculations using the inverse. Following on from this, we will explore factors and factor pairs, looking at square numbers.

Science

During Science lessons, we will develop our understanding of living things and their habitats with a particular focus on marine life. We will be learning to classify animals and explore how habitats change throughout the year.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about the environmental impact of human activities. We will be looking at world weather patterns and physical and human features - obtaining information from maps and atlases collecting and analysing the information.

PE

We are skipping! Coaches from the 'Skipping School' have already visited us and we will be developing our skipping skills over this term.

Computing

We will be using computer game design to plan, design and make own, multi-level games!

Art and Design

We will explore water colour painting of famous seascapes. We will learn about famous artists and how they create mood and feelings with colour and use water colour paint to produce washes for back-

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Pupils will enquire into the ways different religions use the symbols of light and darkness and why Christians refer to Jesus as the 'light of the world'.

Music

We will continue develop our singing skills and understanding of musical vocabulary through Charanga software and perform our music around a particular theme.

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 4 PE days are Monday and Thursday 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.
- Please ensure your child is in school on time everyday.