



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term - 2018



Mighty Metals

Literacy

This half term, we are looking at different kinds of explanation texts. We will be designing our own boat and explaining how the different features work. We look forward to showing you some of the writing when it is finished. We are then going to be writing a story based on life in the Iron Age, developing our skills through reading, role play, planning, drafting and editing our own work.



Maths

In maths lessons we will continue to develop our knowledge and skills and solve problems.



We will be using formal written methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

You could help support your child at home by helping them to learn their multiplication facts off by heart (starting with the x2, x5, x10 and x4 facts)

Science

Linking in with our History topic, we will be learning about forces and magnets. We will learn about which metals are attracted to magnets and will plan and carry out investigations to test the strength of magnets. At home, we might ask for your help to look for all kinds of magnets that we have in the house.



History

We move forward in time from the Stone Age to learning about the Iron Age and why we have metal today. This leads us into our local study of the history of shipbuilding in Sunderland.

PE

We will continue to practice our tennis skills. In our 'Yoga for children' sessions, we are learning to use our core strength to balance and move and we are learning the skills needed to relax. We could teach you some of the yoga positions we have learnt!

Computing

We will be beginning to plan sequences of instructions using on-screen and floor turtles and amend these instructions.

Music

In music, we are having fun every Friday with a specialist music teacher who is teaching us all about the different percussion instruments. We are learning to play the glockenspiel (It's harder than you think!) software and compose and perform our own music around a particular theme.

Art and Design

We are going to be drawing using a range of materials, such as pastels, chalks and charcoals. We will be learning about the work of great artists and designers.

RE

In the run up to Christmas we will be exploring how and why is advent important to Christians.

Reminders

- Please 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, particularly books of their choice or related to class topics.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school 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.