



# PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

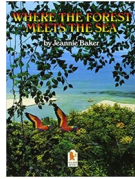
## YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

### Spring Term - 2019



#### LITERACY

This term, we're writing narratives based on a different characters viewpoint. We've started reading the book *Where The Forest Meets The Sea* and we'll be using this as our inspiration. After this, we'll be looking at procedural texts.



We will have daily guided reading, spelling and handwriting sessions too.

#### MATHS

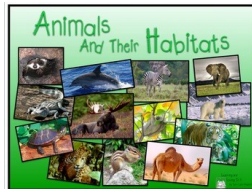


We will continue using the Focus Maths curriculum and will be looking at formal addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods. We'll be solving a range of problems to help develop our understanding. We'll also be looking at reflections and translations of shape and finding out how to find the area of shapes.

#### Science

During science lessons this term, we will be looking at animals and their habitats. We'll be linking this to our overall theme of 'Rivers Around The World' and we'll be visiting the Washington Wildlife Centre at the end of

January to better understand animals who live by the water.



#### Computing



The children will learn to input data into spreadsheets and use programmes to share data and interpret data. We'll be using Purple Mash Apps, which the children can also access at home!

#### RE

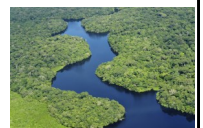
As Easter approaches at the end of this term, we'll be looking at Christian symbols and the Easter Story. We will also take part in assemblies led by Reverend Graham throughout the season of Lent.

#### PE

This half term, we are lucky enough to have a Yoga instructor taking Yoga sessions on a Thursday afternoon. The children will be taking part in several interschool competitions too—so please ensure they have full PE kit in school at all times.

#### Geography and History

This half term, we're looking at Fair Trade with our topic title being 'Is It Fair?' Within this topic, we'll explore more about the countries who produce Fair Trade goods and how they are paid for their services. We'll look at the journey of our food and climates of the countries which produce much of our food.



#### Music

Our music lessons this half term will focus on The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air and the rap and hip-hop genre. We'll learn to sing the song, how to rap and understand more about hip-hop and how it came about.

#### Reminders

- It is essential that every child has a named water bottle in school. Access to water is available to refill their bottle.
- 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. Reading Records should be in school every day.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week. 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.
- 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.

Mr Stewart, Miss Druett and Mrs Douglas are always available at the beginning and end of every school day, please speak to us if we can help with any queries or concerns.