



# PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

## YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

### Spring Term - 2019



#### Literacy



This half term, Year 4 are going to be learning how to write a Non-Chronological report. We are currently reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl as our quality text. This links nicely with our topic 'Bile, Bottoms and Burps'. The children will be exploring the features of a Non-Chronological report and writing their own reports on the subject of 'Teeth'.

#### Maths



In our Maths lessons, we will begin by focussing on Multiplication and Division. We will look at Inverse and how we can use multiplication to solve division problems. Then the children will moving on to Place Value. Following on from this, we will be learning to add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written method.

#### Science

During Science lessons, the children will be introduced to the main body parts associated with the digestive system for example the mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus and large and small intestines. The children will explore questions that will help them understand their functions.

#### Design Technology

In Design Technology, the children will be learning about balanced diets and where different foods come from. We will be cooking healthy, nutritious meals using our knowledge of different food groups. In addition, we will be looking at food packaging and designing our own packaging for our healthy pizzas.

#### PE

Alongside continuing to practise for our skipping competition in April, this term, the children will be taking part in a wide variety of aerobic games that aim to develop hand/eye co-ordination and balance with a coach from the Foundation of Light.

#### Computing

The children will be learning how to create non-stop Animation using the Purple Mash computing program. The children will be learning how to create simple animations, learn how to use onion skinning in animation and how to add backgrounds and sounds in more complex animations.

#### Art and Design

We will exploring the creative technique of Tie Dye. Furthermore, the children will be combining this skill with patchwork, by attaching felt organs and creating their own digestive system t-shirts.

#### RE

Pupils will further develop their knowledge of the Christian belief in God. They will learn about the meaning of 'Lent' and why it is an important time for Christians. In the run up to Easter, we will be

#### 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.
- Reading books need to be brought into school every day. This allows us to read with your children daily.
- 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 Wednesday 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.