



# PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

## YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

### Summer Term - 2021



#### Literacy

This half term, as part of our narrative genre, the children in Year 5 are going to be creating their very own flash back story.

We will be reading 'Street Child' as our quality text. This links nicely with our topic of 'The Victorians'.

Using this quality text, the children will be planning and writing their version of Street Child; creating a flash back sequence in their writing.



#### Maths

In our maths lessons, we will begin by focusing on Place Value, moving onto Addition and Subtraction.

After this, we will look at Multiplication and Division, learning to apply our calculation skills to solve problem solving and reasoning questions.



#### Science

During Science lessons, the children will be learning about properties and changes of materials. Throughout their lessons, pupils will compare and group together everyday materials based on their properties including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity and response to magnets. In addition, the children will use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated.



#### History

This half term, our topic is 'The Victorians' and we will be using timelines to understand and order historical events, identifying and using evidence to explain features and objects which characterise this period of time.

The children will choose reliable sources of evidence to describe lives in the past, including: homes, leisure activities, lifestyles, buildings, religions and beliefs, important people and differences between rich/poor lifestyles.



#### PE

Each Friday afternoon, Year 5 will participate in a wide variety of athletic games. The children will be selecting and combining skills, techniques and ideas and applying these accurately, appropriately and consistently. They will learn to adapt these skills to different situations.

#### Computing

The children will be learning about communicating and collaborating online. They will discuss different strategies for finding information (using different keywords to find information on a given enquiry and enter them into a chosen search engine).

#### Art

In Art and Design, Year 5 children will be exploring Tessellation through the work of William Morris (a famous Victorian artist). Pupils will be experimenting with techniques that use contrasting textures, colours or patterns (rough/smooth, light/dark, plain/patterned).

#### RE

In RE, the children will be exploring what Muslims believe and how these beliefs are expressed. Pupils will be demonstrating an understanding of beliefs and practices within Islam and how these beliefs make a difference to the individual and communal life.

#### Reminders

- Ensure children complete and submit their completed homework each week—homework will be on the Showbie app on Friday and should be completed by the following **Wednesday**.
- Reading books and the reading diary 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 5 PE day is on **Friday** but this can change so we advise that children come to school in an appropriate outdoor PE kit including suitable footwear.
- 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.
- Unfortunately due to the current pandemic situation, I am unable to meet you in person. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office to make an appointment by phone.