



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term - 2018



LITERACY



In Literacy this half term we are going to develop our narrative skills by retelling a traditional tale with a twist. Within our literacy lessons we will be looking at sentence structures, description, setting and plot before retelling our version of the Three Little Pigs called The Three Little Knights. We will also be going on a class trip to the Life Centre to learn about materials and in Literacy we will write a recount in first and third person all about our day.

MATHS



In maths lessons we will develop our multiplication and division skills recalling and using our 2s, 5s and 10 times tables. We will also interpret and construct pictograms and block diagrams. Later in the term we will look at various fractions. Finally we learn about money and time.

Science

During Science lessons we will develop our knowledge of materials. We will compare and group the suitability of everyday materials as well as learning about how some materials can change shape. We will also complete investigation to see which material is the most absorbent.

DT

During DT we will build structures, explore and use different mechanisms. We will link all of our work to our Castles topic. To begin we will follow a design criteria to make a catapult and evaluate how easy or difficult it was to follow. We will then make our own medieval tool and design criteria. We will also build our own castles with a moving drawbridge.

PE

In PE we are going to be working alongside a specialist sports coach developing our agility, co-ordination and balance.

Computing

This half term in computing we will be learning all about simulations and how they imitate the operation of a real world process or system.

Art and Design

In Art we are going to be creating various 3D objects. To start we will link our art work to our Castles topic and make clay dragon eyes after designing and sketching them. Later we will make 3D Christmas cards and 3D Christmas decorations to sell at the Christmas Fayre

RE

We will be learning about Christianity this half term. To begin we will look at what being a Christian means and what is important to Christians. We will learn about the Bible in more detail and then closer to Christmas we will look at why light is important to Christians particularly at Christmas. We will also retell the Christmas story.

Music

We will be using a recorder alongside our singing. We will learn a new song called Ho, Ho, Ho and discuss the technical language around music. As well as perfecting our timing.

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 at least three times a week and return their book to school daily in case there are opportunities to listen to them read in school.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week. Year 2 PE day is 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.
- Please ensure your child is in school on time everyday.
- Do come and speak to us at the end of a school day or by phone if you have any questions or concerns.