



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

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LITERACY



The children will be reading for pleasure the story 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell.

They will be practising their writing skills across the genres by writing diary entries, setting descriptions, character descriptions and newspaper reports.

MATHEMATICS



The children will continue to develop their maths knowledge and skills.

In particular this term the children will develop their understanding of fractions, looking at identifying fractions as well as finding fractions of a number.

They will also work on how to tell the time accurately.

Science

The children will be investigating the digestive system, comparing animals and humans systems. We will also be investigating teeth and then making comparisons with different animals.

History

The children will be investigating the Vikings and in particular how the Vikings invaded England, the reasons why they did this and how they changed the way people in England lived.

PE

The children will be taking part in a skipping competition.

Computing

The children will continue to develop their understanding of how to use search technologies effectively and begin to understand that they need to check and evaluate what they find on the internet.

Art and Design

The children will be developing their skills to create various Viking artefacts including making shields, weapons, masks and a Viking longship.

RE

The children will continue to explore and understand how Christians worship and how the beliefs of Christians affect their actions.

Music

The children will continue developing their composing skills and understanding of musical vocabulary through 'Garage Band'

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Work with your child on their homework. Also continue to practise their spellings each week. Homework will be handed out on Fridays and be collected in on Wednesdays.
- Continue to read with your child, particularly books of their choice and related to class topics.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week. Year 4 PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays 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 make 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.

Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Douglas are always available at the beginning and end of every school day for any queries .