



# PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

## YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

### Autumn Term 1 - 2019



#### LITERACY

This half term we will study Act 1, Scenes 1 and 2 of Macbeth and turn the script into a narrative, based around the witches.

We will explore how to use dialogue to further develop characters and to move the action forward.

We will also begin to read the class novel 'Holes'.



#### MATHS

Over the next half term in maths we further develop maths skills linked to place, value, calculating mentally, multiplication, division, geometry, addition and subtraction.



We will continue to develop and further explore problem

#### Computing

We will begin by exploring online coding software to develop simple programs, before moving on to learn how to debug lines of code to fix problems.

#### History and Geography



Our topic for this half term is focused around a study of North America.

We will begin by exploring and learning about the Mayan civilisation which existed in North America almost 4,000 years ago. The children will take part in a full Mayan themed day on the 27th September.

We will then move our learning forward to the present day and learn about the different landscapes and climates that can be found in North America and learn about some key landmarks.

Our class novel for this half term 'Holes', will link to this topic and further explore the extreme climates and some basic American history.

#### PE

This term we will focus on the impact of exercise to develop fitness through various circuit training.

#### Art and Design

As part of our study of North America we will explore the traditional patterns and art of Mexico and use them as a stimulus for our own work.

We will also design and make an artefact which has cultural relevance for North America.

#### Music

The children will continue to develop their understanding of musical vocabulary and types of music while learning a song for performance as a whole class.

#### RE

We will explore why people of ceremonies and rituals in their lives, particularly within Christianity, Sikhism and Judaism.

#### 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 practice their weekly spellings—spellings are added to homework books of Friday and tested the following Friday
- Encourage your child to read longer stories and novels, particularly books of their choice or related to class topics and complete their reading record.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week. Year 6 PE days are Tuesday and Friday, but this can change so we advise that children leave a kit, in a named bag, on their peg all week.
- Please keep us up to date with your contact details, who will be collecting your child from school each day by updating your named adult list kept in school.
- Make time for children to attend extra 'study groups' when they are asked.
- Please ensure your child has their own water bottle in school every day.