



PLAINS FARM ACADEMY

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2 - 2019



LITERACY

This half term we will be writing stories with two narrators, based on the short film 'Alma'. We will use a variety of methods to create mood and atmosphere in our writing. We will then move on to writing a comparative non-chronological report based on what we have learned about World War 1; comparing life at home with life on the front line.



MATHS

Over the next half term we will learn how to multiply with fractions, how to calculate missing angles within shapes and on lines and begin to explore basic algebra. We will also revisit calculating area, and the four operations, involving increasingly large numbers and decimal numbers.



Science

During this half term we will be exploring and developing our understanding of electricity. We will recap what we already know about the history of electricity and how to create a basic circuit before moving on to explore the effects of working with different electrical components and sizes of battery.

PE

This half term we will work with a martial arts specialist, developing their overall skills within different sports whilst developing their own strength and fitness. They will also have a chance to try fencing across a four week course.

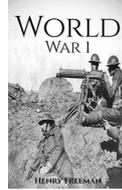
Art and Design

We will use our history knowledge of food during World War 1 to create a war time menu to cook and try. We will also develop our collage and textiles skills, creating a new pattern or fabric.

Music

We will continue to work with a music specialist to develop their understanding of musical vocabulary and types of music. We will also begin to compose the lyrics for a song which will become part of our end of year assembly.

History



This half term, we will complete our study of World War 1. We will explore: the weapons and technology used, food eaten at home and on the front line and explore the roles of women during the war. We will also use the class novel 'Private Peaceful' as a starting point for some of our classroom work.

Computing

This half term our focus will be on communicating and collaborating through the use of email, websites and blogging.

RE

In the run up to Easter, we will explore why Good Friday and Easter Day are the most important days for Christians.

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 longer novels, particularly books of their choice or related to class topics.
- Ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week. Year 6 PE day is 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.
- Do come and speak to us at the end of a school day or by phone if you have any questions or concerns.
- Please ensure your child is in school, on time, everyday.
- 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 and they bring it home for a regular clean.